

**SLATY FORK SCHOOL**

Slaty Fork, West Virginia

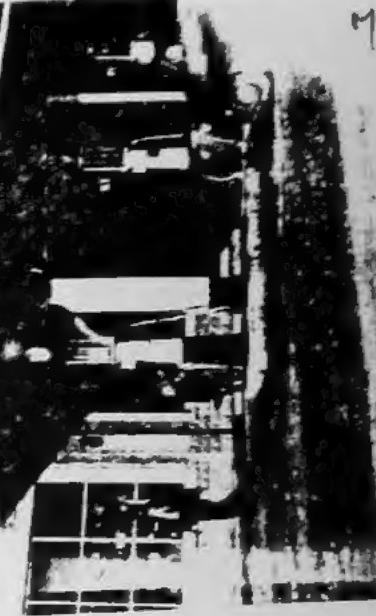
Presented By  
EMMA S. HOWARD,  
Teacher

March 20, 1908

Trustees  
F. T. Sharp L. D. Sharp  
S. D. Hannah

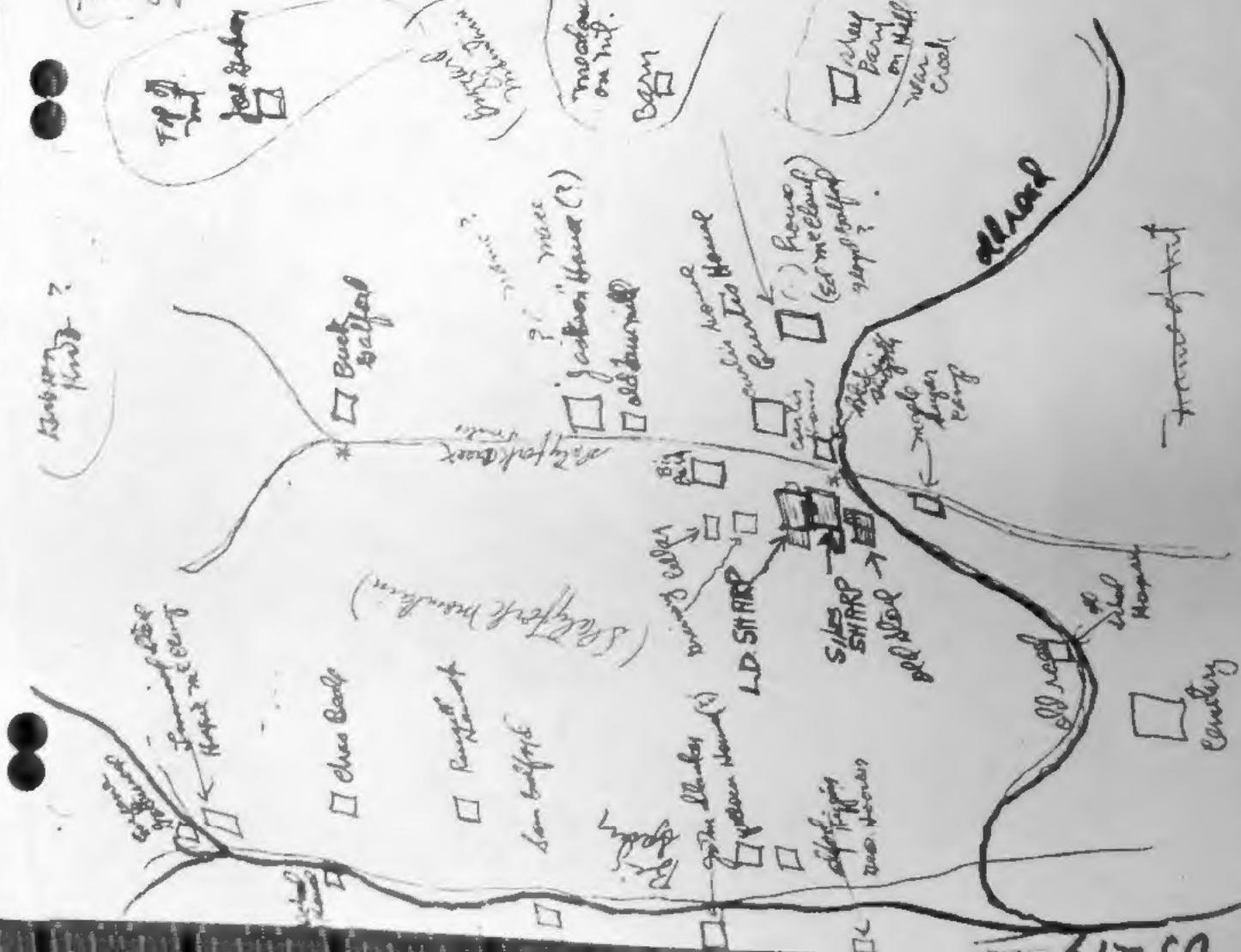
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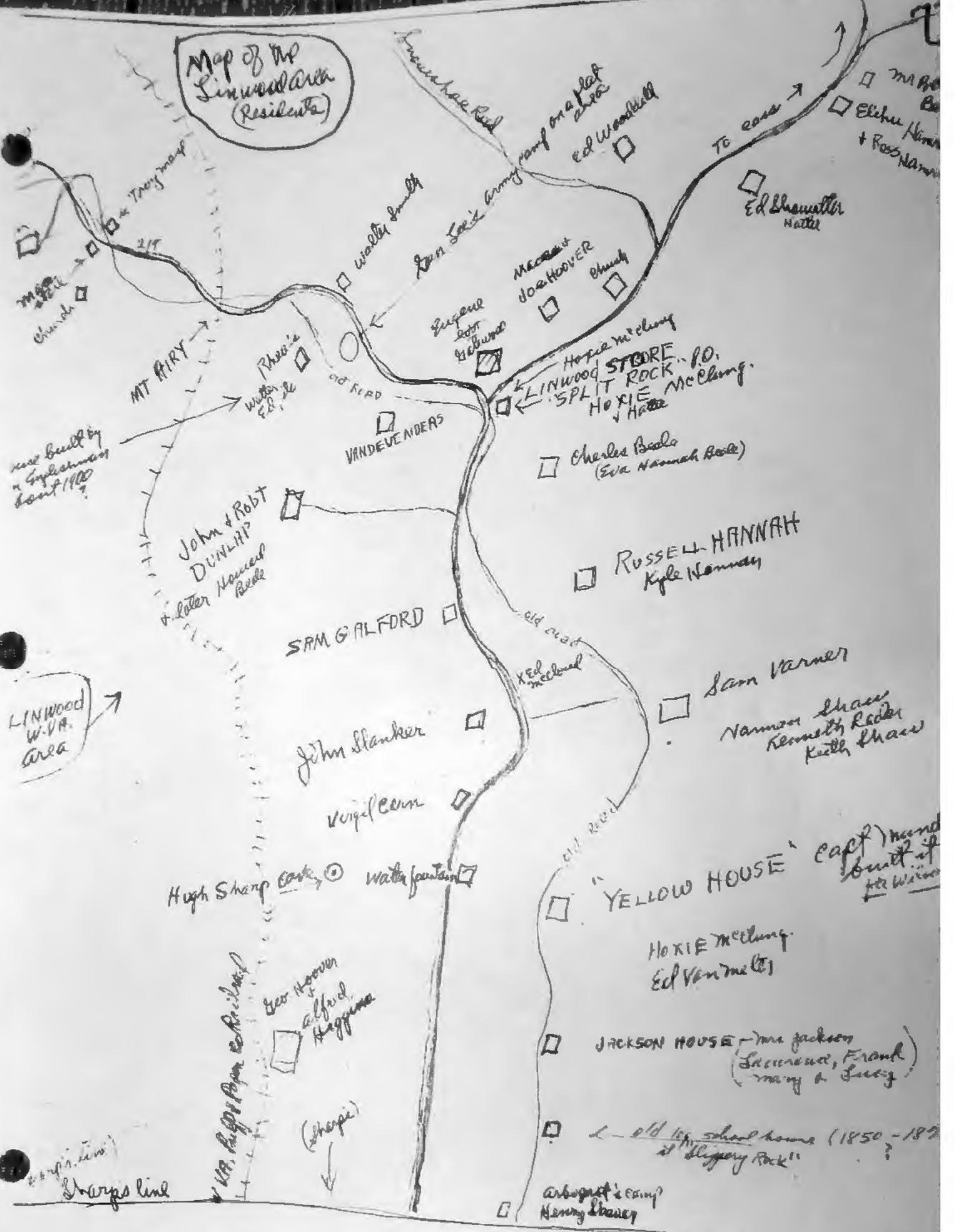


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(Slaty Fork Creek area)



Map of the  
Linwood Area  
(Residents)



Map of Dryfork Area  
+ residents  
1400's - 1900's

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abandoned  
Hog shelter

(4)

(4)

MOUNTAIN Mtns

3rd floor  
val

middle  
mountain

Burn

Step • Hammed  
William Sharp  
& Hogg Sharp

Burn

Brook  
Bull  
Garn

Hog  
mountain

Step

Step

Step

Step

Oscar K. House  
Hog house

Tower  
camp

Step

William Sharp  
first house

on mountain back

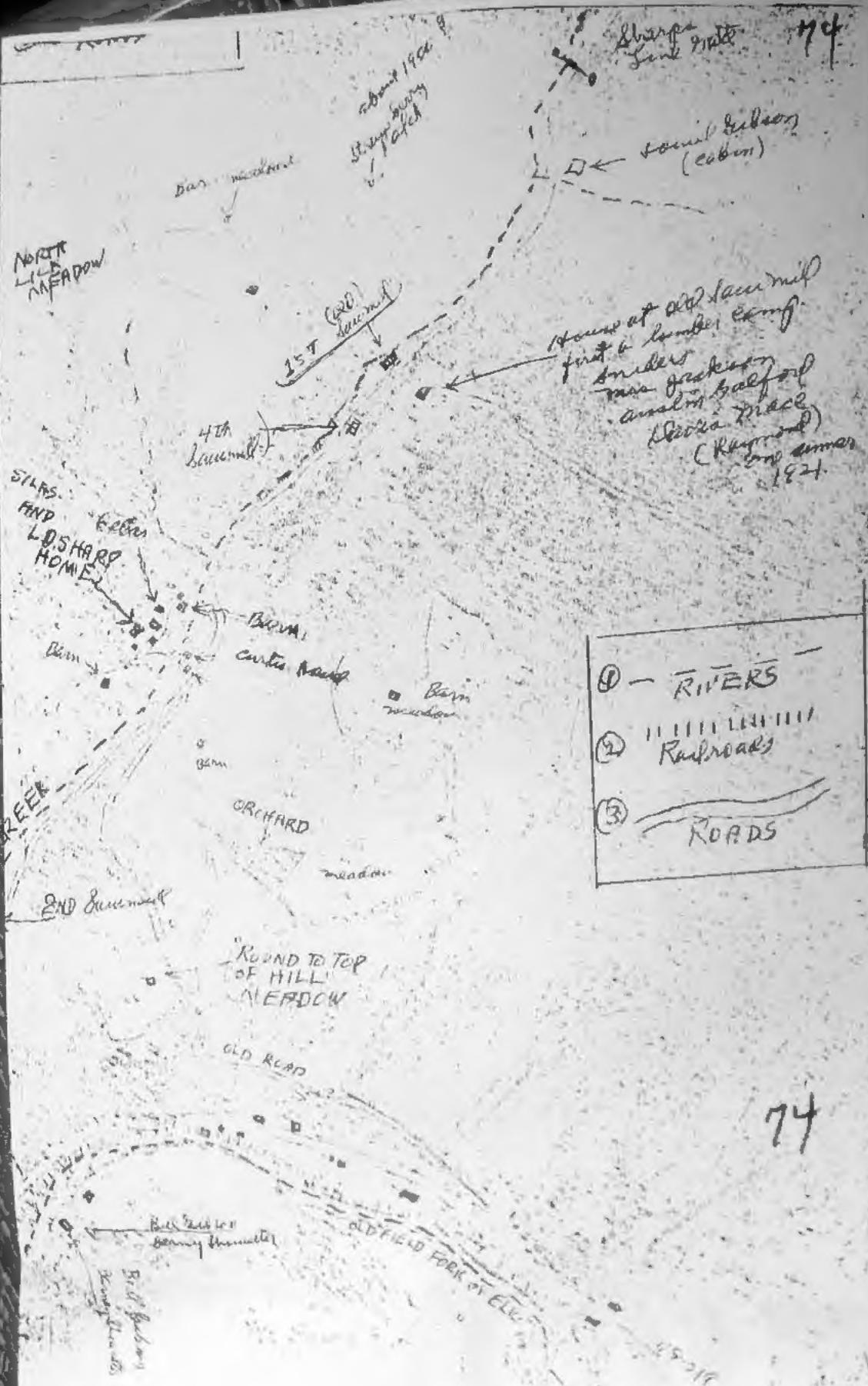
Mill down

3rd  
summit  
Pine Shrub  
house

one friend  
over a week  
Tanner house  
one sugar  
loving tree

RR  
ELK RIVER

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Post Office Department  
BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS  
Washington 25, D. C.

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OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER

February 27, 1953

Mr. L. D. Sharp,

Slatyfork, West Virginia.

Dear Mr. Sharp:

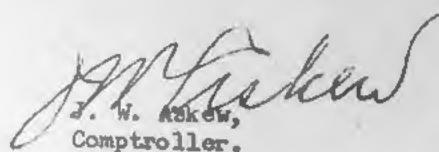
This has reference to your letter of February 16, 1953, to the Postmaster General, regarding your eligibility for an annuity based upon your service as postmaster.

The records of the Department show that you were appointed postmaster at the fourth class post office in Slatyfork, West Virginia May 15, 1901 and resigned August 28, 1916.

Public Law 215, approved May 22, 1920, was the original United States Civil Service Retirement Act under which Federal Government employees were first accorded annuities based on such service. However, Section 1 of the Act required that an employee to be entitled to any annuity must have been actively in the service on August 20, 1920. In view of this information it appears that you were not eligible for any retirement rights when the first retirement law became effective.

Since the passage of the organic Retirement Act of May 22, 1920 there have been many amendments made thereto by acts of Congress but none have been retroactive to include cases where employees left the service prior to August 20, 1920 as in your case.

Sincerely yours,

  
J. W. Askew,  
Comptroller.

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John B. Floyd, Esquire, Governor of Virginia Deed to Adison Moore  
and George Beal June 22, 1848 Book 102, Page 164 <sup>Richard</sup>  
July 31, 1849

John B. Floyd, Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia:  
To all to whom these presents shall come---GREETING; Know ye, that in <sup>you have</sup> <sup>CD?</sup>  
conformity with a Survey, made on the 22nd day of June, one thousand  
eight hundred and forty eight by virtue of Land Office Treasury  
Warrant No. 12,846, there is granted by said Commonwealth, unto  
Adison Moore and George Beal a certain Tract or Parcel of Land containing  
seven hundred and twenty six acres lying and being in the County of  
Pocahontas, on both sides of Elk River, adjoining the land of William  
Sharp and a survey known by the name of the Pennell & Sherwood survey  
and bounded as follows, Viz-- Beginning at a spruce pine and beech on  
the East bank of the Old Field Fork of Said River, twelve poles above  
the mouth of Slatyfork on said Sharp's line and with the same so as to  
to include any of said Sharp's land N 23 W 750 poles crossing Slatyfork  
at 12 poles and the Big Spring at 160 poles and Elk River at 378 poles  
to 3 sugar trees on the point of the Bearpen Ridge near the main top;  
thence leaving the "Pennell & Sherwood" survey S 60 W 60 poles to a  
yew pine & beech in a flat near Bearpen & N 80 W 40 poles to a maple  
& yew pine South 40 poles to a sugar tree and beech in a flat S 55  
W 80 poles to 2 beeches S 25 E 352 poles crossing the ~~Middle~~ Middle run  
below a waterfall to a sugar tree on top of ridge S 14 W 66 poles to a  
sugar tree and beech corner to David and John Hannah's survey of 500  
Acres & with the same S 40 E 12 $\frac{1}{4}$  poles to a pine & Indianwood S 80  
E 128 poles to 2 beeches S 40 E 15 $\frac{1}{4}$  poles to a beech & sugar tree,  
leaving said line N 70 E 57 poles crossing the old Field Fork of Elk  
to the beginning, with its appurtenances.

To HAVE AND To HOLD the said Tract or Parcel of Land with its  
appurtenances, to the said Adison Moore and George Beal  
and their heirs forever

In Witness Whereof, The said John B. Floyd, Esquire,

Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia hath hereunto set his  
hand and caused the Lesser Seal of the said Commonwealth to be  
affixed at Richmond, on the thirty first day of July  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
forty nine, and of the Commonwealth the seventy fourth.

(Signed) John B. Floyd

(Wax Seal attached  
here)

Note: Underlined words are printed by a press  
on the document.

Ivan Sharp got Uncle Hugh Sharp's old Deeds etc. This was among those  
papers. This deed does cover land on Gauley Mt. Wm Sharp bought Ramona  
Sharp land on the Gauley side of Elk at Slatyfork. Ella Sharp Gibson  
retained mineral rights on Gauley Mt., so she must have owned some land  
there at one time. The waterfalls mentioned must be the one near mouth  
of Slatyfork. (or remotely the one on Buck Hollow--up Slatyfork)  
Why does this Deed say "include any of said Sharp's land"?  
Ramona Sharp Shipley has the original Deed in her possession.  
(Parkersburg, W. Va.)

Hugh Sharp and Capt. Nimrod(?) G. Munday(Mundy) received 105,000 A  
acres from Benjamin Rich, October 1875

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Whereas, Benjamine Rich and Thortitos (?) Courow (?) who were joint owners of the James (?) Welch survey of one hundred and five thousand acres of land situated on the head waters of Elk and Gauley Rivers in Webster and Pocahontas counties in the State of West Virginia did on the day of October 1875 enter into an agreement in writing with Nimrod(?) G. Mundy and Hugh Sharp of the State of West aforesaid by which agreement the said Mundy and Sharp were to take possession of the said tract of land; and whereas the said Mundy and Sharp did take possession of said tract of land and did build a house on the same and the same Munday and Sharp now have possession of said land; and whereas the said agreement under which they entered into said land has been lost or mislaid. Now this paper writing is made for the purpose of recognizing and (?) (co-setie ?) using said agreement and the tenancy of the said Munday and Sharp and(?) continuing said tenancy.

Witness our hands and seals the 27th day of October 1887

Benjamin Rich (SEAL)

N. G. Mundy (SEAL)

H. C. Sharp (SEAL)

Executed in duplicate

This was some sort of a deed or attempt to get a deed for land maybe supposed to be recorded (but wasn't?) in the court house. (Some records were lost during the Civil War when records were hid in haystacks etc to prevent the Yankees(?) from taking or burning them. (One record book was lost then) Or this may have been an attempt to claim the land by "Squatter's Rights"---?

IDS#2

Now Mr. Sharp, there is just one thought that I wish to give you and that is that the stockholders of this Fair Company are just a little different from the Fair itself. In other words, the stockholders give to the people of Pocahontas a fair ground on which to hold their fair and in return they should and will get a reasonable return on the money invested. The fair itself is a public spirited proposition but the fair ground is a business proposition, although, of course, the investment is prompted to a very great extent by public spiritedness. [In other words, the first item on the fair company's expense account is the dividends to the stockholders and then the other expenses connected with the fair before the premium line is considered, so that the stockholders can rest assured that they will get their dividend.] Of course, all the property, buildings and everything connected with the fair belongs to the stockholders; but it is just the way we have of handling this proposition to make it a success financially. When any one donates service to the fair, they should not feel that they are do-nating anything to the stockholders but they are simply helping the fair. feel sure you will catch my idea and that it is of great assistance in sell stock, and the only way that we could handle the matter successfully in my opinion. In other words, we are to treat it as one separate and distinct proposition. Of course, anything more than the 6% dividend that the fair would make in any one year will be paid the stockholders, but the idea in mind is that we are going to pay them a 6% dividend as our insurance that we take out insures the payment of the dividend even though it rains every day of the fair. ]

We have the following old subscribers from your district who have not paid up as yet:

(A.B. Wallace's  
Letter to  
L.H. Sharp)

	5 shares
John G. Johnson	10 "
John G. Johnson	2 "
John G. Johnson	2 "
John G. Johnson	2 "
John G. Johnson	2 "
John G. Johnson	1 "
John G. Johnson	5 "
John G. Johnson	1 "

Now it seems that there must be some mistake somewhere.

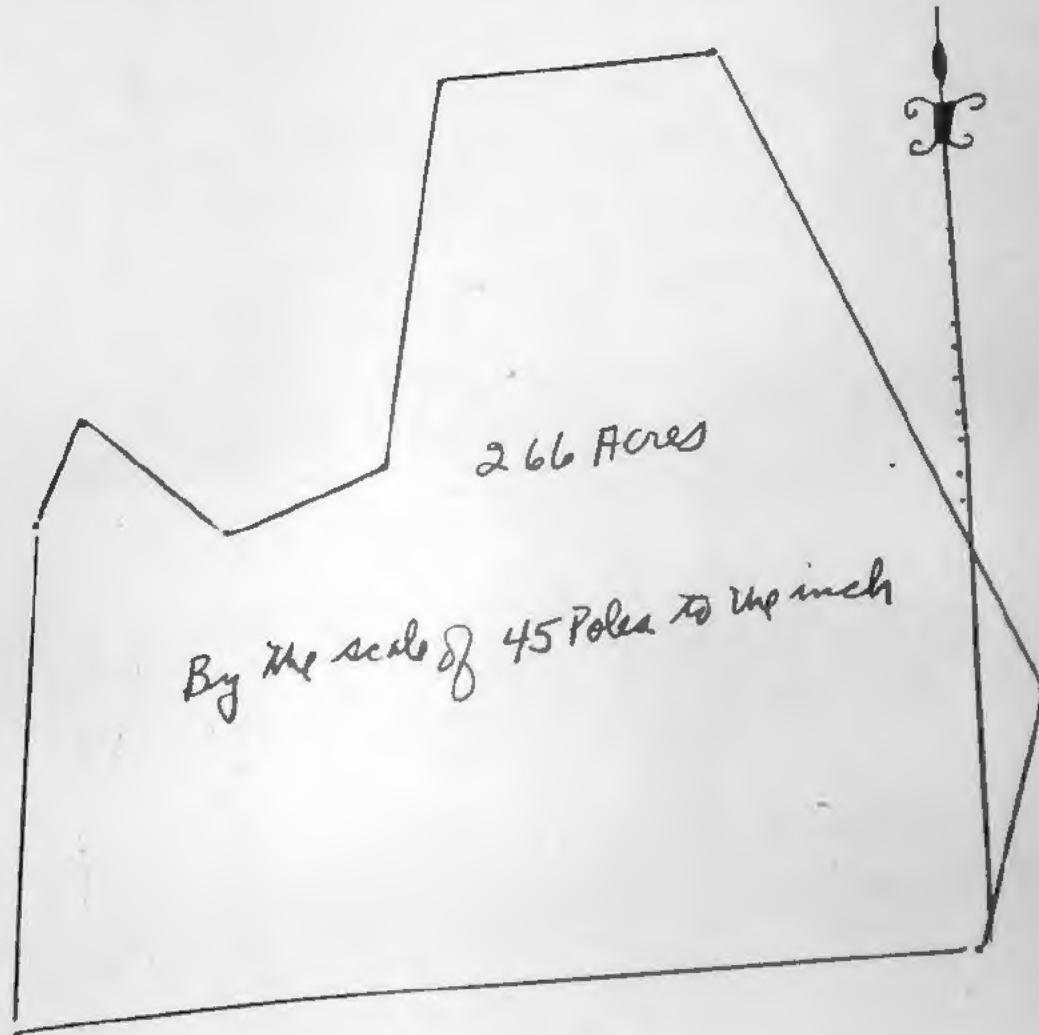
David & John Hannah Deed to Clunen ? 266 acres

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(Courses?) of land sold by David & John Hannah to atty containing 266 acres on the water of the middle run being part of a survey of 450 acres bounded as follows (Tourt)

Beginning at a sugar tree and beech corner to 720 acres pattered to George Beel and Adison Moore and with there line N 14 E 68 poles to a Sugar tree & spruce pine on a ridge N 25 W 180 poles crossing the middle run to yew pine doble ironwood & sugar tree on a steep hillside thence leaving said line S 85 W 70 poles to 2 yew pines and Chestnut by a drain S 11 W 100 poles to a beech & birch S 68 W 49 poles to a yew pine sugar tre & lynn N 52 W 46 poles to an ash sugartree & yew pine S 27 W 28 poles to 2 yew pines near a large ledge of rocks S 5 W 130 poles to 2 ~~spruce pine~~ maples & spruce pine N 86 E 246 poles to the beginning which is the division line

signed S. H. Clark



Thomas Wood's Deed to Wm Sharp Jan. 11, 1843 Book 3, page 514 86

Deed from Thomas Wood and wife to Wm Sharp bearing date 11th day of January, 1843 for one undivided half of Lot No. 8 known as a survey made by Stephen Sherwood in the year 1786 - on which a patent issued in the year 1787 in the name of Joseph Pennell (the half of the lot aforesaid) conveyed by Wood to Sharp contains 2500 acres, and bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at 2 sugars on top of the mountain on a line dividing Lots No. 7 & 8. Then with the said line S 33 $\frac{1}{2}$  W 526 poles to a birch on a rocky ridge, thence N 27 W 10 $\frac{1}{4}$  poles to a Beech & Spruce on Gauley Mountain, Thence N. 14 E. 480 poles crossing Elk River to a beech and cucumber in a small bottom near the river. S 36 E 1200 poles to the beginning. ---

Abstract taken from Deed of Record in Clerks office of County Court of Pocahontas in Deed Book No 3 Page ~~514~~ 514.

Teste

Wm Curry clerk

This abstract taken from Deed Book #3 Page 514

Remona Shipley has the original abstract of Deed  
Reference made to Deed Book #3, Page 514

Which William Sharp is this ??

Wm. II (1772-1860) lived and burried near Fairview. He may have bought it for Wm III---?? (age 71 when deed written)

Wm. III (1815-1888) lived at Slatyfork and buried in Sharp cemetery.  
---age 28 when Deed made.

By checking the Court House records, one might get a clue, since this is only an Abstract of the Deed.

See Deed 1860 - Wm II to Wm III

Report on Lot #8. -- a Correction? Lot 7 & 8 July 19, 1854

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Copy from surveyor's report made 19th July 1854: by S. H. Clark, of  
Lot No. 8---- Begin at a cucumber S  $37\frac{1}{2}$  E crossing Elk at  $\text{IX } 150$   
poles in all 1490 poles to a sugar tree in place of a stake called for  
in pat. of Lot No. 8 & No. 7 ( ? ) (ava 1/3<sup>o</sup> 102 poles longer  
S(?) (835,?) W crossing big spring at 300 -la tyfork 650 in 1160 to  
a pine & two birches on west brow of mountain  $\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  variation & 88 longer,  
thence  $\text{X N } 33$  W 370 no cor (corner?) found hickory called for.  
 $1^{\circ}$  variation N 2 W crossing slatefork at 276 big spring at 380  
crossing slatefork at 276, big spring at 380, crossing(elk (?))  
at 1288  $\text{IXI}$  ( ? ) in all 1754 to big -(beginning. ( ? )

Ramond Shipley has the original copy of this.

A reference to Lots No 7 & 8 is in Thomas Woods Deed to Wm Sharp 1843

A reference to Lot # 8 is in Deed of Wm Sharp to Wm Sharp, Jr. 1860  
(but this (1860) is after the above "report"

84 Wm. Sharp, Sr. (II) Deed to Wm. Sharp, Jr. (III) 11-2-1860 (2020 Acres.)

This deed of conveyance made this 2nd day of Nov. in the year of our Lord & one thousand eight hundred and sixty between William Sharp Sr., of the County of Coacahontas and State of Virginia of the first part and William Sharp, Jr. of the County and State of aforesaid of the second part, witnesseth that the said William Sharp Sr. of the first part in consideration of the natural love and affection he bears toward his son Wm. Sharp, Jr. and for the further consideration of the sum of five dollars to him in hand paid by the said Wm Sharp, Jr. before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt thereof is hereby acknowledged by the said William Sharp, Sr. hath given, granted and conveyed and by these presents doth give grant and convey unto his son Wm. Sharp, a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the county of Pocahontas and State of Virginia on the waters of Elk River and containing 2020 acres being part of a lot of 2951 acres known as half of Lot No. 8 of the Pennell Survey formerly conveyed to Wm Sharp by Thomas Wood and wife and bounded as follows to wit: Beginning at three beeches near a low place in Middle Mountain on the line dividing Lot No 8 Thence S ~~E~~ 82 $\frac{1}{2}$  W. 105 poles to a Sugar and Beech on the brow of the mountain. Thence S 42 W. 22 poles to two sugar trees on the brow of the mountain Thence S 20 W. 66 poles to two beeches and Sugar tree by a drain, Thence 46 W. 76 (46 ~~W~~  $\frac{1}{2}$  W 21 POLES) W 21 poles to two sugar trees & beech, Thence S 76 $\frac{1}{2}$  W 76 poles to two beeches and cucumber, Thence S 20 W. 52 poles to a beech and two white lynnns on the side of the mountain, Thence S 71 W. 40 poles to a cucumber and beech, Thence S 24 $\frac{1}{2}$  E. 201 poles to two ashes and two maples on the top of a ridge, Thence S 34 W. 103 poles to two beeches and sugar tree on the back line of the original survey. Thence with the same S 27 E. 785 poles to a brich on a rocky ridge, thence N 33 $\frac{1}{2}$  E 526 poles to two sugar trees on the top of the mountain. Beginning corner of the original survey, Thence N 36 W. 670 poles to the beginning.

To have and to Hold the same two thousand and twenty acres of Land together with all and singular the premises and appartenances unto the Said William Sharp, Jr., his Heirs and assigns forever To and for the only use and behoof of him the said William Sharp Jr., his Heirs and assigns in all Time to come.  
In Witness whereof the said William Sharp Sen., (Sr?) hath hereto set his hand and (Seal) the day and year first above written.  
Signed, sealed and acknowledged

In presence of

William Sharp (SEAL) signed

Pocahontas County to Wit:

I, William Baxter, a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid in the state of Virginia do certify that William Sharp Sr. whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 2nd day of November 1860 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid, given under my hand this 2nd day of Nov. 1860

William Baxter, J. P.

Clerks Office of the County Court of Pocahontas 6th November 1860  
This deed from William Sharp, Sen. to William Sharp, Jr. was presented in the Clerk's office and the certificate of the execution and acknowledgement being legally certified, the same is admitted to record.

Teste: Wm Curry, Clerk

This Deed made this 25th day of March 1885 between Hugh C. Sharp  
of the first part and Sarah E. Sharp of the second part all of the  
County of Pocahontas and State of West Virginia. Witnesseth, That  
for and in consideration of one dollar paid to him by the said  
Sarah E. Sharp the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said  
Hugh C. Sharp does grant, bargain and convey to the said Sarah  
E. Sharp with general warranty all his right and title and interest  
in a certain tract of land (except one hundred and fifty acres adjoining  
the lands of S. L. Gibson and James Gibson in the southern corner  
of the said tract) and lying on Elk River adjoining the lands of  
John Hannah, James Gibson, and others and bounded as follows, Viz:  
Beginning at a red oak & sugar tree below the mouth of  
Slate Fork and by the creek on Jacob Sharp's line and with the same  
N 35 E 75 poles to 2 ashes and 2 maples on a ridge, thence leaving  
said line North 79 $\frac{1}{2}$  E 28 poles to a yew pine and two beeches on a  
ridge and on a cliff of rocks S 71 E 74 ps to 3 beeches on a ridge  
and opposite the Sharp School house S 80 E 295 poles to 2 linnas and  
2 beeches on the side of Slate Fork Mountain S 18 E 44 poles to 2  
beeches near the brow of the mountain S 79 E 76 poles to 3 beeches  
S 56 E 28 poles to 2 beeches S 67 E 92 poles to 2 sugars cor to  
the original tract of which this is a part and with same (or sane)?  
S 33 $\frac{1}{2}$  W 650 poles to a spruce pine and 2 birches on the side of the  
Mt, N 27 W 524 poles to a sugar and beech by the pike. Thence  
leaving said line N 34 $\frac{1}{2}$  E 29 to a stake N 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  E 10 poles to a cherry  
by the road, Thence N 13 $\frac{1}{2}$  W 63 poles to 3 beeches by the creek  
N 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  W 23 poles to a beech and 2 spruces near the bank of the creek  
N 47 W 40 poles down said creek and through a mill dam to the be-  
ginning corner, and containing twelve hundred acres of land, more  
or less, and being a part of a tract of 2020 acres conveyed by  
Deed from Wm Sharp to the said Hugh C. Sharp. Witnesseth, the  
following signatures and seal this the 25th day of March 1885

Hugh C X Sharp (Seal)  
his mark

Teste Wm B. Hannah, Jr.  
Samuel (W?)(M?) Gibson

State of West Virginia, Pocahontas County ---To wit.

I, a justice of the said county and district of Wmray do make  
certify that Hugh C. Sharp whose name is signed to the above  
writing bearing date 25th day of March 1885 hath this day acknowledged  
the same before me in my said County. Given under my hand this the  
26th day of March 1885

Henry N. Hannah, J. P.  
(?)

Pocahontas County Court Clerk's Office, June 15, 1885.

This deed from Hugh C. Sharp to Sarah E. Sharp was presented  
in this office, and thereupon together with the certificate  
thereto annexed is admitted to record.

Teste John J. Beard, Clk

(paid ~~M~~ X \$1.25)

Sent by mail to Silas Sharp as per his order,  
July 10th 1885. John J. Beard, clk.

- contains 1200 acres
- part of 2,020 acres
- 150 acres not included

90 Sam and Mary Gibson's Deed to Sarah XXXXXXXXXXXXX Sharp 3-11-1889 90

This deed made this 11th day of March 1889 between Samuel M. Gibson and Mary J., his wife of the first part and Sarah E. Sharp of the second part, all of the Co. of Pocahontas and State of W. Va. Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar cash paid in hand the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said Sam M. Gibson and Mary J. his wife doth sell and convey unto the said Sarah E. Sharp a certain tract of land lying in the co. of Pocahontas and State of W. Va. on the East side of Old Field Fork of Elk River, adjoining the lands of S. L. Gibson, H. N. Hannah and others (it being a tract of land conveyed to said Samuel M. Gibson and wife by George P. Hannah and also a tract of 35 acres conveyed to the said Saml M. Gibson by J. T. (or L?) Hoggsett containing in all two hundred and two acres more or less together with all appurtenances there unto --attached and warrant generally the land herein conveyed. Witnesseth the following signatures and seals.

Samuel M. Gibson (SEAL) Mary J. Gibson (SEAL)

State of W. Va., Pocahontas County.  
I, H. N. Hannah, a Justice in and for the County and State aforesaid do hereby certify that S. M. Gibson whose name is signed to the writing hereunto annexed, bearing date on the 11th day of March 1889, acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. I also hereby further certify that Mary J. Gibson, the wife of Samuel M. Gibson whose names are signed to the writing hereunto annexed bearing date on the 11th day of March 1889 personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid, and being examined by me privity and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, She the said Mary J. Gibson acknowledged said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this 11th day of March 1889.

Henry N. Hannah, J. P.

Pocahontas County Court Clerk's Office, Jan. 7th, 1890.  
This deed was this day presented to me in my office and therefore together with the.....

Dave: This Mary Gibson was the sister of Sarah (Hannah) Sharp, and the daughter of David Hannah. Also the sister of Melinda Hannah that married John Rose, Sister of Rev G.M. Hannah, Henry, and of Otha who died and had vision of Heaven. Mary was the baby that Otha asked to place in the fireplace to show that it would not be harmed Otha.

91 Silas Sharp, Sarah Sharp & Hugh Sharp to L. D. Sharp (Book 26, Page 56)  
March 30, 1895 91

This Deed made this 30th day of March, 1895 between Silas Sharp and Sarah E. Sharp, his wife and Hugh C. Sharp of the one part and Luther D. Sharp of the other part all of the county of Pocahontas and State of W. Va. Witnesseth: That for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar paid to them by the said Luther D. Sharp the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said Silas Sharp, Sarah E. Sharp and Hugh C. Sharp doth grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said Luther D. Sharp with general warranty all their right, title and interest in a certain tract of land containing 496 acres and bounded as follows. Beginning at 2 Lynns and 2 Beeches on the side of Slatyfork Mountain, corner to Hugh C. Sharp and with his lines S 18 E 42 4/5 poles to 2 Beeches near the (brow?) of the (Mtn.?) S 79 E 15 poles to 2 Beeches on top of Slatyfork Mountain corner to M. Ella F. Gibson and Malinda C. Hannah and with the same S 22 W 26 1/2 poles to a bunch of Lynns on a hill side; S 30 W. 68 poles to a stone center and Sugar, Beech and Ironwood; S 47 W. 350 poles - at 52 poles crosses Slaty Fork - at 68 poles crosses Buck Lick Fork to 2 Beeches and 2 Yew Pines on hillside on a line of S. L. Gibson's heirs, and with the same N. 20 1/2 W. 47 poles to 2 Lynns and 2 Beeches; continued 2 1/2 poles to a rock above the turnpike road (1/4 N 10 E (from?) a Hemlock witness) corner to lower lot and with the same; and with the meanderings of the turnpike road; N. 10 E. 35 3/4 poles to the Cleveland Rock; N 59 E 85 poles a Beech and Service below the road; thence leaving the meanderings of the road; S 69 1/2 E 62 poles - crossing the road twice and the Slatyfork and the road to a stake by the road at the ford of the creek S 58 1/2 E. 92 poles to 3 Lynns at the foot of a hill near the Creek; N 36 E. 48 poles to a cucumber witnessed by a small cucumber and Beach on a hillside near the top of a spur; N 20 E 43 (43) poles to a Beech witnessed by 2 beeches on a hillside; N 30 E 24 poles to 2 beeches on Hugh C. Sharp's line and with the same S 79 1/2 E 108 poles to the beginning. The said Silas Sharp and Sarah E. Sharp, his wife, reserves the right and privilege of cutting any timber they may want to use and to run any stock they may wish on the said above described tract of land free of charge. Witness the following signatures and Seals, this 30th day of March 1895.

Silas Sharp (Seal), Sarah E. Sharp (Seal) & Hugh C. Sharp (Seal)

( "X" --his mark)

State of W. Va., Pocahontas County: To Wit; I, A. C. L. Gatewood, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, do certify that Silas Sharp, Sarah E. Sharp, his wife, and Hugh C. Sharp whose names are signed to the writing bearing date on the 30th day of March 1895, acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid. Given under my hand this 30th day of March 1895 (signed) --A.C.L. Gatewood, J. P.

W. Va.: Clerk's Office of the County Court of Pocahontas County, May 1, 1895: This Deed from Silas Sharp & wife, and Hugh C. Sharp to L. D. Sharp was this day presented to me, in my office, and thereupon, the same together with the certificate of acknowledgment thereunder written is admitted to record.

Teste: S. L. Brown, Clerk

Date: "Buck Lick Fork" apparently is the run that we called "Buck hollow"--where Lowell Gibson has his camp. Cleveland Rock is a large rock that rolled off the bank, almost blocking the old road--between "round top of the hill" and a place near Lou Gibson's place on Rt 219. "Cleveland" painted on it when he was running for President of USA.

97 SARAH E. SHARP'S DEED TO L. D. SHARP 9-27-1902

This deed made this the 27th day of Sept. 1902 between Sarah E. Sharp party of the first part and L. D. Sharp party of the second part all of the County of Pocahontas, West Va. Witnesseth, That for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar paid by the party of the second part to the party of the first part the receipt whereof in hereby acknowledged, the said party of the first part hereby grants and conveys to the party of the second part with covenants of general warranty; all her right, title and interest in and to a certain tract or parcel of land containing 165 acres lying on the Slatyfork of Elk River at or near its junction with the Old Field Fork situated in Pocahontas County, W. Va. and is described as follows to wit: Beginning at (A) 2 maples and 2 ashes in rocks on top of a ridge--corner to Hugh C. Sharp and with the same N. 80 $\frac{1}{2}$  E 27 3/4 poles to a number of small birches on rocks by dead Yew Pine -- and 2 - dead Beaches S 70 $\frac{1}{2}$  E 71 $\frac{1}{2}$  poles to 3 beeches on a ridge opposite the Old School house S 77 $\frac{1}{2}$  E 180 poles to two beeches, corner to part laid off for L. D. Sharp and with the same S 30 W 24 poles to a Beech witnessed by 2 Beeches on a hillside S 20 W. 43 poles to a Cucumber witnessed by a small cucumber and Beech on a hillside near the top of a Spur... S 36 W. 48 poles to 3 Lynns at the foot of a hill near Slatyfork, N 58 $\frac{1}{4}$  W 92 Poles to a stake at the pike at the ford of Slatyfork N 69 $\frac{1}{2}$  W 62 poles, crossing the road and creek and crossing the road again twice to a beech and # Service below the road thence with the meanderings of the Turnpike road S 59 W 85 poles to the Cleavland Rock S 10 W 35 3/4 poles to a Stone 1 pole short of a hemlock witness above the road on the old line and with the same N 20 $\frac{1}{2}$  (20 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) W 54 poles to 2 beeches on the bank of the Old Field Fork continued 45 poles to a Birch on the bank of the creek corner to H. B. Sharp and with the same N 20 W 22 poles crossing the Slatyfork to a stake on the McCutchean line and leaving the same N 36 E 60 poles to the beginning.

This said 165 acres of land conveyed by this deed being a part of a tract of land conveyed as 1200 acres but afterwards surveyed and found to contain 1105 acres and was conveyed by H. C. Sharp to the said Sarah E. Sharp by deed bearing date on the 25th day of March 1885 and of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Pocahontas Co. W. Va. in Deed Book No 17 Page 75 to which deed reference is here made for a more complete description of said land.

The said party of the first part reserves the right to one half of the house in which the said parties now reside and the one third of the fruit in the orchard on this tract of land and the said party of the first part agrees and binds himself to keep one horse and one cow for the party of the first part during her natural life. The said party of the second part further agrees and binds himself to comfortably support, keep and maintain and furnish with all the necessities of life the said party of the first part during the period of her natural life, and after her death the said party of the second part takes everything reserved in this deed by the party of the first part. To have and to hold unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever. Witness the following signatures and seal. Sarah E. Sharp (SEAL), State of W. Va., Co. of Pocahontas, to wit: I, T. S. McNeel a notary public in and for Poc. Co. do certify that Sarah E. Sharp whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 27th day of Sept 1902 has this day acknowledged this same before me in my said Co. Given under my hand this 27th day of Sept 1902 T. S. McNeel- N. P.

Clerks Office 9-27-02: This Deed from Sarah E. Sharp to L. D. Sharp was day presented to me in my office and thereupon the same together with the certificate of acknowledgement hereunder written, is admitted to record.  
Teste : S. L. Brown, Clerk

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Clerks Office 9-27-02: This Deed from Sarah E. Sharp to L. D. Sharp was this day presented to me in my office and thereupon the same together with the certificate of acknowledgement hereunder written, is admitted to record.  
 Teste : S. L. Brown, Clerk

THIS DEED made this the 8th day of August, 1912, between Hugh C. Sharp, party of the first part, and L. D. Sharp, party of the second part, all of the County of Pocahontas, State of West Virginia;

WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of the sum of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars cash in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and the natural love and affection which he bears to his nephew, L. D. Sharp, and the further consideration to be hereinafter mentioned, the said party of the first part does hereby grant, sell and convey unto the said party of the second part, a certain tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in the County of Pocahontas State of West Virginia, on the Big Spring Branch of Elk River containing 868.64 acres, more or less, and is a part of 2020 acres, which is a part of the lot of 2951 acres, known as "Half of Lot No. 8" of the Pennell survey, formerly conveyed to William Sharp, Sr., by Thomas Wood and wife and the tract of land hereby conveyed is bounded and described as follows: Beginning at two sugars on top of Slaty Fork Mountain, corner to the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Company and running N 31-45 W at 4430' to the Turn Pike, corner to John T. McGraw eight acre tract sold by William Sharp to R. K. Wilson and with the Pike to a small beech on the edge of the Pike; thence N 25 E 33 feet to a small beech and pointers on the bank of a small drain; N 47 W 922 feet crossing the Big

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W.C. C. gone, small sugar marked, pointers marked; also corner to Harmon  
Sharp's land and with the same S 21-09 E 2100 feet; crossing Big  
Spring Branch of Yelk in all 3400 feet to two ashes corner to L.  
D. Sharp and with his line N 81 -15 E 463 feet to a stake, two yew  
pines and basswood called for now gone; S 70-30 E 1225 feet to two  
beeches on a ridge corner to the graveyard lot and with the same N  
11 -30 E 45 feet to a stake; S 86 W 175 feet to a set stone; S 11-30  
W 70 feet to a set stone on the old line, leaving the Graveyard; S  
70-07 E 4625 feet to two beeches and two lynnas on the north of the  
mountain; S 17-51 E 680 feet to two beeches near the brow of the  
mountain; S 77-06 E at 231 feet to L. D. Sharp's corner leaving same  
and with the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Company in all 935 feet to  
three beeches; S 54-30 E 463 feet to two beeches; S 64-30 E 1217 feet  
to the beginning.

The further consideration of this deed as mentioned  
above, for the land hereby conveyed is that the said party of the  
second part agrees and binds himself to furnish and provide to  
the said Hugh C. Sharp all the proper maintenance and support during  
his natural life, such as clothing, food, medical attention and  
spending money necessary, as requested by the said party of the first  
part, consistent with his station in life, and everything so as to  
make the said party of the first part comfortable during his life-  
time and to provide a respectable funeral and burial for said party

State of West Virginia, County of Pocahontas, to wit:

I, G. S. Welford, Justice of the Peace in and for  
Pocahontas County, West Virginia do hereby certify that Hugh C.  
Sharp, whose name is signed to the foregoing writing, bearing date  
on the 6th day of August, 1912, has this day acknowledged the same  
before me in my said County.

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Given under my hand this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 1912.

G. S. Welford, Justice of the Peace.

WEST VIRGINIA:

Clerk's Office County Court Pocahontas County,

September 6th, 1912.

This deed from Hugh C. Sharp to L. D. Sharp was this  
day presented to me in my office and thereupon the same together  
with the certificate of acknowledgment thersunder written, is admitted  
to record.

Teste: C. J. McGARTY Clerk

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,

COUNTY OF POCAHONTAS; to-wit;

I, Hildreth T. Meadows, Clerk of the County Court  
of Pocahontas County, State of West Virginia, do hereby certify  
that the foregoing is a true and correct copy from the records  
of my said office.

GIVEN under my hand and seal this the  
30th day of July, 1963.



Hildreth T. Meadows  
Clerk of the County Court of Pocahontas County,  
West Virginia.

L.D.Sharp Deed 496 Acres to Sons 12-12-1934 Deed Book 70, Page 478

This Deed made this 12th day of Dec. 1934 between Luther D. Sharp and  
I. L. Sharp, his wife, parties of the first part, and Ivan L. Sharp,  
Silas S. Sharp, Paul L. Sharp, and Luther D. Sharp Jr. parties of the  
Second part, all of the Co of Pocahontas and state of W. Va. Witnesseth:  
That for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar paid cash in hand  
the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and for love and affection  
the said parties of the first part do hereby grant, sell and convey with  
the covenants of general warranty to the parties of the second part joint-  
ly all of the following described tract of land, situated in the Edray  
Dist. of Pocahontas Co. on the waters of Slatyfork, a branch of Elk River,  
and was conveyed to Luther D. Sharp by Silas Sharp, Sarah E. Sharp and  
Hugh Sharp, by deed dated March 30th 1895 and of record in the office  
of the County Clerk of Pocahontas Co., in Deed Book 26 at page 56 and  
bounded as follows, beginning at two lynes and two beeches on the West  
side of Slatyfork no attain a corner of the Hugh Sharp lands, and with  
the same, S. 18 E. 42.8 poles to two beeches near the brow of the mountain  
S. 79 E. 15 poles to two beeches on top of the mountain, corner to the  
W. Va. Pulp and Paper Co. and with same, S. 22 W. 26 $\frac{1}{2}$  poles to a bunch  
of lynes on a hillside, S. 30 W. 68 poles to a sugar, beech and ironwood  
with a stone center, S. 47 W. 350 poles, crossing Slatyfork at 52 poles,  
Bucklick run at 68 poles to two beeches and two spruce pines on a hillside,  
on a line of S. L. Gibson's Heirs, and with same, S. 20 $\frac{1}{2}$  W. 47 poles  
to two lynes and two beeches, continued 246 poles to a rock above the  
old Turnpike, heilock pointer, and with the meanderings of said pike,  
N. 10 E. 35 3/4 poles to the Cleveland Rock, N. 59 E. 85 poles to a  
beech and service below the road, thence leaving the meandering of the  
road, S. 69 $\frac{1}{2}$  E. 62 poles crossing the road twice, crossing Slatyfork  
and the road to a staku, by the creek at the ford, S. 58 $\frac{1}{2}$  E. 92 poles  
to three lynes at the foot of the hill near the creek. N. 36 E. 48 poles  
to a cucumber witnessed by a small cucumber and beech on a hillside,  
near the top a spur N. 20 E. 43 poles to a beech witnessed by two beeches,  
on a hillside, N. 30 E. 24 poles to two beeches in a line of the Hugh  
Sharp land and with said line N. 79 $\frac{1}{2}$  E. 108 poles to the beginning,  
containing 496 acres, more or less, to have and to hold unto the parties  
of the second part their heirs and assigns forever.

Witness the following signatures and seals. Luther D. Sharp, M. E.  
Sharp (Mabel) (SEALS)

State of W. Va. Pocahontas Co., to-wit: I, Jesse P. Hannah, a  
Notary Public in and for the Co. of Pocahontas do certify that Luther  
D. Sharp and S. S. Sharp, his wife, whose names are signed to the  
writing above, bearing date on the 12th day of December, 1934, have  
acknowledged the same before me in my said County. Given under my hand  
this the 31st day of Dec. 1934. My commission expires Mar. 18, 1939.  
(Notarial Seal) Jesse P. Hannah, N. P.

State of W. Va., Clerk's office of the County Court of Pocahontas Co.,  
Jan. 4th, 1935. This Deed from Luther D. Sharp and wife to Ivan L.  
Sharp et al was this day presented to me in my office, and thereupon  
written, is admitted to record therein. Teste: Moody Kincaid, Clerk.  
(mailed to Ivan Sharp, Slatyfork Jan 10, 1935 (1935)

{A reference above to Deed Book 26, Page 56, 3-30-1895, Silas, Sarah, and }

This deed of conveyance made this 2nd day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Sixty between William Sharp Sr of the County of Rockingham State of Virginia of the first part and William Sharp Jr of the County and State aforesaid of the second part witnesseth that the said William Sharp Sr of the first part in consideration of the natural love and affection he bears toward his son Wm. Sharp and for the further consideration of the sum of five dollars to him in hand paid by the said William Sharp Jr before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said William Sharp Jr to have granted and Conveyed and by these presents given grant and convey unto his

W. 21 poles to two sugar trees then N. 70° E. 17 76 poles to two beeches and cucumber vines. S. 20° W. 52. poles poles to a beech and two white lymns on the side of the mountain. Then S. 71° W. 40 poles to a cucumber and a beech. There ~~S. 24° E. 20~~ poles to two ashes and two maples, on the top of a ridge thence N. 34° W. 102 poles to two beeches and sugar tree on the last line of the original survey, thence with the sun S. 27° E. 785 poles to a birch on a rocky ridge. Then N. 03° E. 526 poles to two sugar trees on the top of the mountain. Bringing corner of the original survey thence N. 36° W. 670 poles to the beginning.

To Have and to Hold The said Two Thousand and Twenty acres of Land, together with all and ~~the~~ ~~beginning~~ ~~and~~ ~~end~~ ~~there~~ ~~between~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~  
to him William Sharp Jr. his Heirs and assigns forever  
and for the only use and behoof of him the said  
William Sharp Jr. his Heirs & assigns in all time  
to come. In witness Whereof the said William  
Sharp sen<sup>r</sup> hath set to his hand his house and Seal  
the day and year first written.

Witnessed & Acknowledged  
in presence of

William Sharp Jr.

I William Baxter a Justice of the peace for  
the County aforesaid in the state of Virginia do con-  
fess that William Sharp Jr. whose name is signed to  
(the writing above) bearing date on the 2<sup>d</sup> day of  
November 1860 has acknowledged the same  
before me in my County aforesaid. Given under  
my hand the 2<sup>d</sup> day of Nov. 1868.

William Baxter J.P.

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Clerk's Office of the County Court of Pocahontas  
6<sup>th</sup> December 1860.

This Deed from William Sharp sen.  
to William Sharp jr was presented in the Clerk's office  
& the certificate of the execution & acknowledgement  
being legally certified the same is admitted  
to record

Teste

For County Clerk



J. J. Sharp Clerk " page 121

John B. Lloyd Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To all to whom these Presents shall come—GREETING: Now ye, That in conformity  
with a Survey made on the 20th day of June,  
by virtue of Land Office Treasury Warrant, No. 2846  
one thousand eight hundred and forty eight

there is granted by the said Commonwealth, unto A. M. Moore & George Beach,

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a certain Tract or Part of Land containing Seven hundred and twenty six acres, more & less,  
situated in the County of Rockbridge, on both sides of Elk River, adjoining the lands of  
John T. Wolf & a Man known by the name of the Pennell, & Sherwood  
& bounded as follows by: Beginning at a spruce pine & birch on the  
west bank of the old field fork of said River, thence N. 15 E. 10 poles  
to a pine & birch tree to a small stream to the south side of a  
creek, opposite sugar bush fork at 12 poles & thence going at 160 poles and 160  
feet to a sugar tree in the point of the "Capon ridge" near the  
opposite side leaving the Pennell & The wood survey, 160 & 160 poles to a  
tree on a flat ground, then a sharp corner to a maple & birch  
with 160 poles to a sugar tree & back in a flat 160 & 160 poles to a birch, 160 & 160  
poles to the middle run below a cedar tall to a sugar tree on top of a ridge about  
160 poles to a sugar tree & birch corner to L. S. & J. John Plowman's survey, of 160  
feet, 160 & 160 poles to a pine & cedar wood, back 160 poles to a birch  
160 & 160 poles to a birch & sugar tree, leaving said line 160 poles running  
the old field fork of Elk to the beginning, with its appurtenances.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract or Part of Land, with its appurtenances, to the said  
Abel Moore & George Beach,

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In witness whereof, The said John B. Lloyd Governor  
and their heirs forever  
Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, hath set his hand  
and caused the Lower Seal of the said Commonwealth to be affixed, at  
Rome, on the thirty first day of July  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty eight  
and of the Commonwealth the seventy fourth.

John B. Lloyd



Thomas Ramsey (Rev. 1st. mon. '94, Soc. 60.)  
B. before 10-4-1734 Pittsylvania Co., VA  
D. between 4-20-1780 and 8-16-1788  
Pittsylvania Co., VA  
Mdl. before 1761 or 7-10-1762

<u>William Newman Ramsey, Sr.</u>	A. about 1772 Pittsylvania Co., VA D. after 1840 census before 1850 census Pittsylvania County, VA	M.J. 3-17-1794 Pittsylvania Co., VA Bondsman - Nathan Sparks
<u>William N. Ramsey, Jr.</u>	B. 10-18-1818 Pittsylvania Co., VA D. 12-5-1818 tombstone D. 11-20-1857 White Sulphur Springs Greenbrier County	

William J. Ramsey Jr.  
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Middleton Meade  
a. 10-3-1793 Pennsylvania Co., PA  
b. after 1850, before 1860 Greenbrier Co.  
(appears in 1850 Greenbrier Census  
as being 55 yrs old)

Sarah (Sallie) Edith Meade  
B. 10-29-1823  
Pittsylvania Co., Va.  
D. 9-27-1862 (C. W.)  
9-14-1862 (Tombstone)  
Greeneville County Death Rec  
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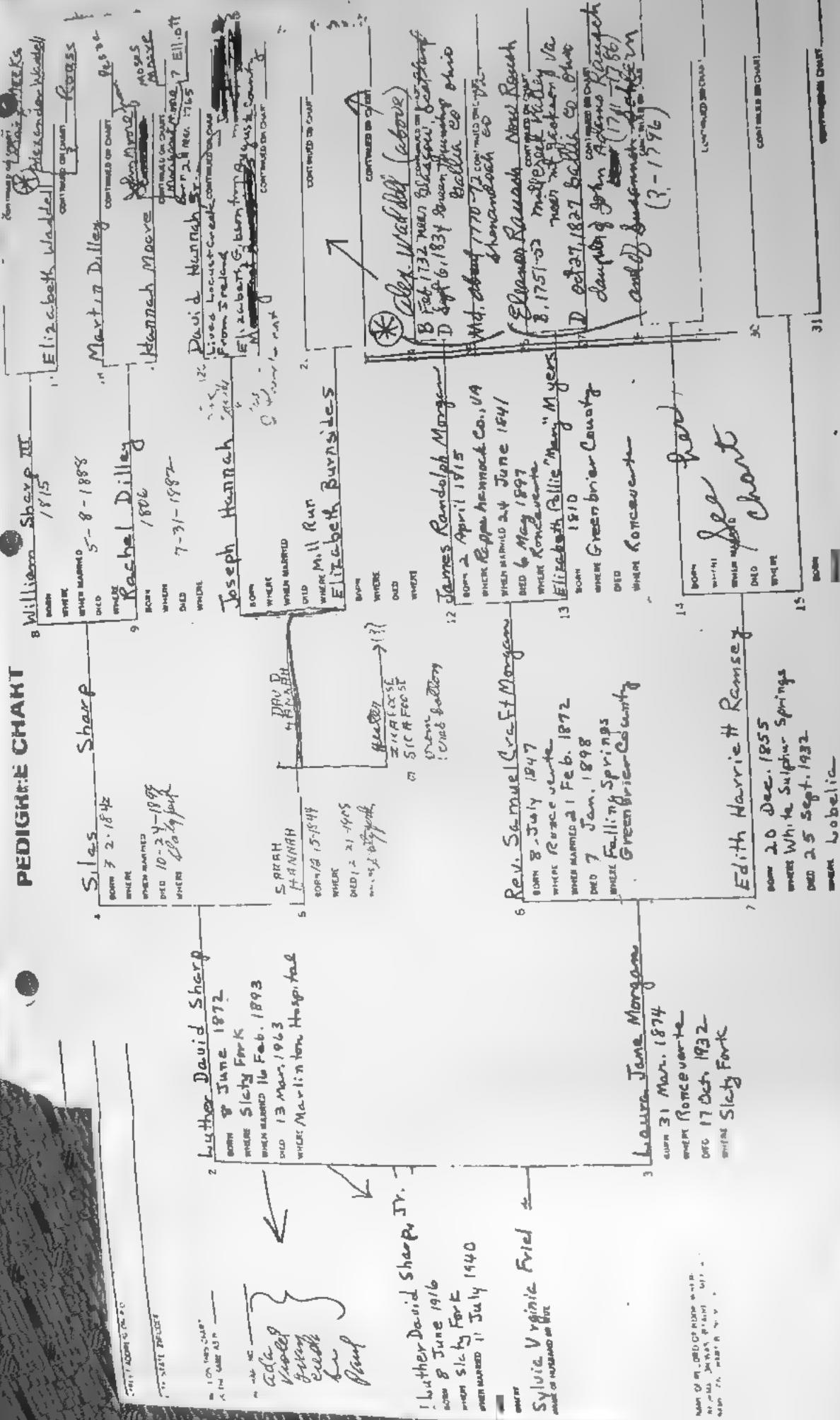
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Memorial Obituary



L. D. Sharp

Fork Methodist Church. He

Luther David Sharp, a life was a lover of sacred music long resident of Slatyfork, died and organized the Slatyfork Wednesday, March 13, 1963, Choir, well known in Pocahontas in the Marlinton Hospital, at his and surrounding counties the age of 90 years, 9 months, for its fine music and 5 days.

Preceding him in death were Mr. Sharp, the only son of his first wife, Laura Jane Morris, the late Silas and Sarah Sharp, son Sharp; two daughters, was born June 8, 1872, at Slaty Fork and Ada Curtain; two fork. At the early age of 12 sisters, Ella (Mrs. Robert Gibbs) he started his mercantile business) and Malinda (Mrs. Ellis Ness, buying and selling fur, Hannah).

livestock and merchandise. He leaves his devoted wife, Mabel Hansford Sharp; a daughter, Mrs. Violet Markland, Virginia, and Beverly by covered wagons. Mr. Sharp was the first Postmaster of Slatyfork and gave it its name when the office was opened. He loved to fish and hunt, killing his last deer at the age of 89. He was one of the first group of apiary inspectors in West Virginia, and raised bees to produce the famous Pocahontas County white lynn honey.

"L D." as he was affectionately called by his close friends, helped organize and was a charter member of the Slaty-

Fork Methodist Church. He was a lover of sacred music long resident of Slatyfork, Choir, well known in Pocahontas in the Marlinton Hospital, at his and surrounding counties the age of 90 years, 9 months, for its fine music and 5 days. Preceding him in death were Mabel Hansford Sharp; a daughter, Mrs. Violet Markland, Virginia, and Beverly by covered wagons. Mr. Sharp was the first Postmaster of Slatyfork and gave it its name when the office was opened. He loved to fish and hunt, killing his last deer at the age of 89. He was one of the first group of apiary inspectors in West Virginia, and raised bees to produce the famous Pocahontas County white lynn honey.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon in the Slatyfork Methodist Church with the Rev. Clarence Piereson assisted by the Rev. Ezra Bennett in charge. Burial was in the Slatyfork Cemetery.

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## Investigation Continues

### In Forester's Death

Investigation is continuing by Augusta County Sheriff's Department in the death of forester, Evan L. Sharp.

Sharp, 34, a sub-district forester over Madison, Greene, and Rappahannock Counties, died last Monday while hunting in George Washington National Forest with friend and Chief Fire Warden of Greene and Madison, Donald Lee Parrott of Quincey.

His body was not discovered until last Wednesday morning on Ellint's Knob at North Mountain in Augusta County, about 1-3/4 mile from his truck. Sharp had apparently been shot by another hunter. A bullet shot from a high-powered rifle entered through the abdominal area and lodged in the body. According to evidence found in the mountains, it is estimated the bullet which struck Sharp was fired from 80-85 yards away.

An Augusta sheriff's department spokesman said Monday, there was no definite information yet concerning the accident. A check of persons hunting in the area, licenses and big game stamps is underway. Several hunters at campsites in the area have also been questioned during the investigation. Reports are awaited from FBI laboratories pending identification of several items of physical evidence found in the area.

## Letter to Editor

On behalf of the personnel of the Virginia Division of Forestry, I want to express our sincere appreciation to all of the people in the Madison and surrounding area for their help in the search for Forester Evan Sharp. All of us in the Division of Forestry feel very keenly the loss in Evan's tragic death. It is heartwarming to know that the concern for Evan was so widespread, and that the response to this concern by his friends and neighbors in Madison County was both immediate and magnanimous. We especially want to recognize the efforts of the Madison Rescue Squad and the many other volunteers, whose names we do not have, from the Madison area. For their efforts and time, including the considerable distance to Augusta Springs and in entering the search, we offer our sincere thanks.

Sincerely,  
W. F. Custard, State Forester

AUGUSTA SPRINGS - A body identified as Evans Sharp, the Madison County hunter missing since Monday, was found late this morning on Elliott's Knob.



MR SHARP

An Augusta County Sheriff's Department spokesman would only confirm that it was Sharp's body. He would not comment on the cause of death.

The search had been intensified this morning as scores of volunteers, Augusta Military Academy cadets and area students joined in the rescue efforts being coordinated by the sheriff's department at Strange's Market on Va. 42 here.

Mr. Sharp, 34, had gone hunting Monday with his partner, Donald Lee Parrott of Madison County, and failed to return to his truck parked on Chestnut Flat, a mountain top between Elliott's Knob and Hite Hollow, west of here.

Rescue teams concentrated Tuesday on the east side of the mountain, where a gunshot was reportedly heard Monday at dark.

Mrs. Sharp, who drove here Tuesday after learning of her husband's dis-

appearance, said the whole situation seemed incredible since her husband was a very "self sufficient" and experienced hunter, although he occasionally was troubled by one of his knees injured previously while fighting a fire.

Mr. Sharp was employed by the Virginia Division of Forestry and was a member of the Madison County Rescue Squad. He formerly lived with his family in Augusta County and was "very familiar" with the hunting area, according to his widow.

The search had not been without confusion. One report said that a hunter from Madison County somewhat fitting Mr. Sharp's description was seen several miles from the Chestnut Flat area.

Also rescue officials were helped or hindered by the inundation of volunteers that led one spokesman to say: "There are too many chiefs and not enough Indians."

Involved in the search were the Staunton-Augusta, Craigsville-Augusta Springs and Madison County rescue squads, the Civil Air Patrol, State Police, the Virginia Game Commission, the Virginia Division of Forestry, and auxiliaries, churches and private individuals who supplied food to the rescue workers.

Two search planes of the CAP and a State Police helicopter flew over the mountainous terrain Tuesday and this morning.

#### Evan Sharp

Evan Lilburn Sharp, 34, of Madison, Virginia, formerly of West Virginia, was killed Wednesday, November 19, 1975, in the National Forest in Augusta County, Virginia. S-LATYFORK

He was a native of Philippi, and was in the Virginia Forestry Service.

His father Ivan Sharp, died earlier this year. He was a grandson of the late L. D. Sharp of Slatyfork.

Surviving are his wife, Phyllis McCutcheon Sharp; two sons, Arthur Todd and Roderick Evan, both of Madison, Virginia; mother, Mrs. Ivan L. Sharp, of Nitro, a brother, Ralph Sharp, of California; sister, Mrs. Thomas Shipley, of Parkersburg.

Services were held Friday morning in Madison United Methodist Church in Madison, Virginia. Burial was Friday at 4 p.m. in Slatyfork Cemetery.

(Mrs. Laura Morgan Sharp, wife of L. D. Sharp, died at her home at Slaty Fork on Monday afternoon, October 17, 1932. She had been ill for many months with heart disease and complications. She was in her 59th year, having been born March 31, 1874. Burial in the Sharp family graveyard on Wednesday afternoon, the funeral being conducted from the Slaty Fork Church by her pastor, Rev. T. H. Taylor.)

Mrs. Sharp was the daughter of the late Rev. Samuel Morgan. Her mother, Mrs. Ruth Morgan, Rev. S. Morgan, preceded her to the grave a few weeks ago. Of her father's family there remain, two brothers, William and Edgar, and a sister, Sarah (Mrs. McElroy).

Forty years ago she became the wife of L. D. Sharp. He and their children, Ivan, Silas, Paul and Luther, Jr., Mrs. William Gurnin, of Baltimore, and Mrs. R. W. Markland, of Richmond, survive. A daughter, Creola, died nine years ago.

For a life time, Mrs. Sharp, had been a professing Christian, a member of the Methodist Church. She was a good woman, who well performed the duties of a mother and wife.

Evans Sharp - Killed

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## Hunter died of gunshot wound

The death of a Madison County man Monday in the mountains west of Augusta Springs was due to a gunshot wound, Augusta County authorities said Wednesday, and the wound appeared not to be self inflicted.

An autopsy completed today at the state medical examiner's office at Roanoke determined that Evans Lilburn Sharp died of a rifle wound in the abdomen. He had been dead since "sometime Monday", State Medical Examiner Dr. David Oxley said.

Mr. Sharp, 34, of Madison County was found Wednesday morning by Virginia Division of Forestry volunteers in a moderately wooded area in the Chestnut Flats section of North Mountain. An experienced outdoorsman and forester from Madison, Green and Rappahannock counties at the time of his death, Mr. Sharp was last seen around 1 p.m. Monday and was reported missing 9:30 that night.

Mr. Sharp, a former resident of Staunton said to be very familiar with the mountains, had gone hunting with a friend Monday and did not return to his truck.

A search, coordinated by the Augusta County Sheriff's Department and strengthened by volunteers, began Tuesday and intensified Wednesday before the body was found late Wednesday morning.

The body was first taken to King's Daughters' Hospital, then to Madison County. Later, it was taken to Roanoke to the state medical examiner's office for an autopsy.

According to a sheriff's department spokesman, Mr. Sharp was found lying face up, his rifle near the body. He had been shot in the stomach, the spokesman said.

The case is now under investigation by the department deputies.

A spokesman for the department thanked those who participated in the two-day search.

Mr. Sharp was son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan L. Sharp.

Surviving besides his mother who lives at Nitro, W. Va., are his widow, Mrs. Phyllis (McCutcheson) Sharp of Madison; two sons, Arthur T. and Roderick E. Sharp, both of Madison; one brother, Ralph Sharp of California, and one sister, Mrs. Thomas Shipley of Parkersburg, W. Va.

Services will be conducted 10 a.m. Friday in Madison United Methodist Church. Burial will be 4 p.m. in Powhatan County, W. Va.

	(1) William Sharp, Pioneer of Huntersville (1740 -18 133) 1833)	(30)
Ellis Sharp, Jr. (or 2nd) (cir 1780-1785 (1772-1860)	wife: Elizabeth Waddell (they lived near Verdant Valley) <i>and then all</i>	
William Sharp, "Jr" (or 3rd) 1815-1888	wife: Rachel Dilley of near Campbelltown. Lived Slatyfork.	
Lang "Si" Sharp, 1822-1899 -57	1846-1923 -77	
Karah Hannah 1822-1868 -64 1847-1908	1846-1923 -77	
	Hansen. (William Luther, Henry, Bernard, Mary Ellen, etc.)	
	lived Slatyfork, civilin, killed in Civil War, 16	
	and Elkins father of Talbert, Richard, Mable	
	12-17-1843	
	8-17-1840 6-14-1839	(30)
Luther David Sharp, 1872-1963 -91	married Laura Jane Morgan, daughter of Rev. Sam Morgan of Keyes Edray 1874-1932 -57	
	(5) Luther's Sisters: Melinda (Mrs. Ellis Hannah); *Vee Hannah *Mrs. Charles Beale *Russell Hannah *Mrs. Baxter (Lena?)	
	(Mrs. Rebt Gibson; Mary Ella Gibson; Allie (Forest Gibson); Bill Gibson Florence Gibson *Ollie OTIS Gibson *ONNIE THOMAS	

Ada L. L. A. Johnsen	Violet (Rufus	Ivan 1900-1975	Cresla 1904-1923	91 10-27-07	Paul 11-24-10	Luther D Sharp, Jr.
Curtain	Markland)	(Genevieve	18	Slatyfork	(Venda Love ✓	6-8-16 ("Dave")
Donald	3-15-97	Orndorff)	died of		(deceased)	(Sylvia Fries of
Helen	Richmond, Va.	Ralph	threat		(Katherine Milhellin)	Marlinton)
Jillie	*Rufus, Jr.	✓	infection	Pt. Hedges, Texas	*Linda Dee	
Eara	(Pt. Wayne, Ind)	✓	/sc ✓	✓	12-19-61	
Stanley	Baltimore	(Tom Shipley)		*Thayer ✓	✓ (Yennie Edwards)	
				6-3-33		
				(Beverly Champion)	(Cincinnati, O)	
				*Barbara Jane ✓	May 1980	
				8-4-35		
				(Glen Smith)		

Rev. Sam Heron, Circuit Rider, Edgy Charge (Methodist)  
Edith Ramsey married at 16 (2-21-1874) (1889-1894)

(See margin history)

Laura Jane Morgan  
1974-1972 -58  
married L.D. Sharp

Laura was 15 when  
her father moved into  
the Edray Parsonage.  
3 years later at  
18 (almost 19) she  
got married  
- 11/1893

Will Morgan  
Jabotka

\*Ninante  
died in  
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• Edgar

\*Lenn  
Edgar

Married Charlie  
Mitchel (children  
were Ruby & Edith)  
Remarried McKenney "now"  
(children John & )  
thyself & Neome

11/10/1982

History and Stories  
of the  
SHARP FAMILY  
of  
Slatyfork, W. Va.  
Principally by and of  
Luther David Sharp, Sr.  
6-8-1872 - 3-19-63

Compiled from magnetic tapes, recollections, etc.

This history booklet of the L. D. Sharp family was compiled by Dave Sharp from recollections and tapes he made of "LD" and from others in the family. Valuable assistance was provided by Si Sharp for his recollections of important stories; by Ramona Shipley for her transcribed tapes of her father, Ivan, and copies she made of old deeds etc.; by cousin Allie Gibson letting me tape her stories of the Sharps; and by Paul Sharp for his tapes he made of Dad's stories. ~~THAYER SHARP MADE XEROX COPIES~~

Cousins Leo Hannah and Allie Gibson loaned old original pictures of the Sharps from which to make copies used in the booklet.

~~NOT HUBERT TAYLOR-IN PARTICULAR~~

Credit goes to Edith Workman of Hillsboro, for the copy of the Rev. Samuel Morgan history compiled by cousin Hubert Taylor, 14 Stroud St., Wilmington, Del. 19805, from which our copies are made. This is a complete history of the family of Laura Sharp, wife of L. D. Sharp. Thanks to cousin Edith! Thanks to cousin Hubert!

Stories and/or pages are numbered in red ink. Any one who has additional stories or pages please make four ~~extra~~ copies and number them in red so we can place them in the proper location in the booklet. For instance, page 2r-A would go after page 26.

Also: any other rare family pictures and other pictures of great interest are welcomed, to make negatives to have copies made for the four booklets.

A booklet was issued to each:

Paul Sharp, 723 Avenue D, Port Neches, Texas, 77651  
Si Sharp, Slatyfork, W. Va. 26291

Wm. Ramona Shipley, 43 Meadowcrest Drive, Parkersburg, W. Va. 26101  
Dave Sharp, 4171 Paxton Woods Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45209

Each of the above have Cassette tapes from which the transcriptions in the booklet were made.

PLEASE! If this copy becomes misplaced or lost, please return it to one of the above persons or descendants. It is very important that it stays in the Sharp family.



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Last picture of  
Sister  
1898

Ella Luther Melinda

Sister  
("Si")

Sarah  
("Sally")

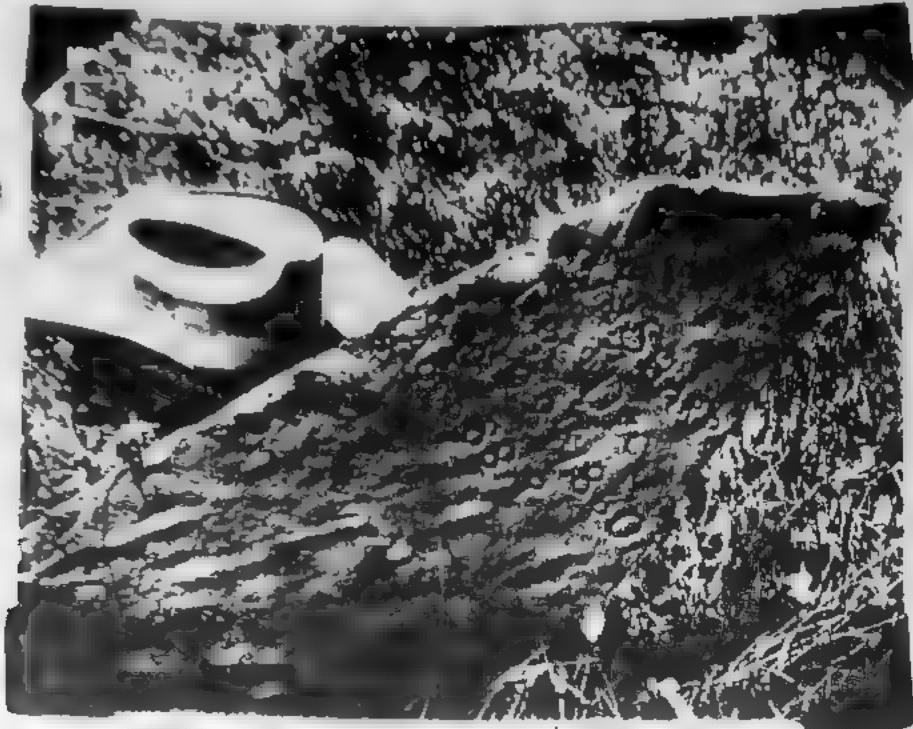


Jessie



A - Luther David Henry Ella Melinda Luther

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Wm. Sharp, Jr. (II) 1772-1860

Wm. Sharp's tombstone in the Sharp cemetery  
on the Edray to Cloverlick road, near Fairview  
lane intersection and near Arthur Friel's  
place.

He was the son of the pioneer William Sharp  
(1740-1833) and father of Wm. Sharp(III)  
(1815-1888) who is buried at the Slatyfork  
cemetery.





WILLIAM SHARP (II) 1815-1888

Mounts by Lida and Norma.



RACHEL (DILEY) SHARP 1825-1888



SILAS ('SI') SHARP SARAH (HANNUM)



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James Kenneth Morgan  
d. 2-18-15 - b. 6-1897  
1/2 brother of Sam Morgan

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Funeral 2-21-1872  
Lion Sam Morgan      Ruth Morgan  
(Parents of Louis Sharp (3-31-1874 - 10-17-1932))



Her second husband

Mrs Irwin

Ruth Morgan  
(3-31-1874 - 8-25-1932)

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# Hugh Calvin Sharp

the first time  
local town  
was inspected  
having consent  
written a positive  
opposite action  
still in  
existence

relatively small  
by origin  
privately  
a brick house  
a front of 40 ft.  
16 ft. corner  
2 stories  
brick house



High Sharp  
(7-15-1846 - 8-25-1923)



Uncle Hugh Sharp  
on Porch of old house  
that used to be adjacent to  
the present day house.

Perhaps  
sitting  
on porch?



Hugh Sharp 1846-1923  
writing in his book now belongs to  
John Sharp son in Va

S. H. Stark



S. H. Stark from Ten Type 18/19-7



110 A girl friend



from Ian Dyer

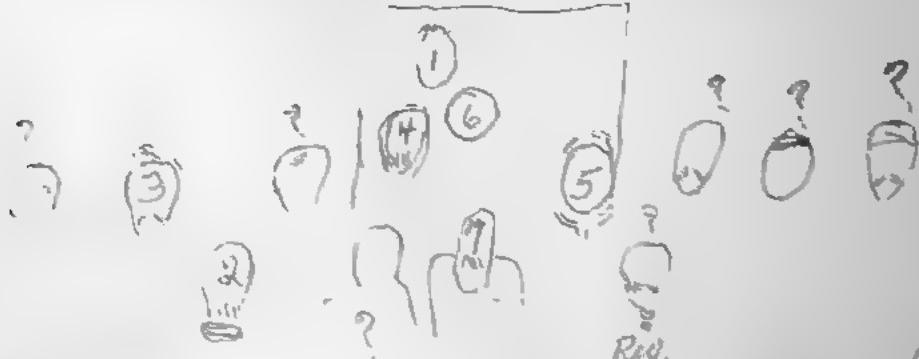


Winter meeting - perhaps Edingburg  
or more or less

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Howard Wadsworth S C Morgan and 5 others in coke Rev George P. Marshall No 1  
Rev Clark was 1st & Uncle George Hannah 2nd to Rev. Hedrick  
(7) Rev. Field



- 1 George P. Neck
  - 2 Howard Webb
  - 3 Lee Clark
  - 4 Uncle George Hannan

- 5 Rev. S C Meigs. (Samuel Morgan) <sup>Biographical</sup>  
6. Rev. Hedrick  
7. Rev. Faltz

Believe all are preachers.



Left to Right:  
and son, Son, a boy  
the. But it's to the  
you like? And the  
year we were taught  
to avoid. You will  
soon & then I will teach  
you how to  
get it. So  
say

Left to Right: dad, son, son,  
Sister, Austin, Harold, mom,  
& David on horse behind mother



Ruth Susan Paul Jim

unlabeled ~~Sept 1917~~ Schlar family Sept 1917



1939

65"  
and  
"J.D."

Melinda Hennel L.H.

J.T. Gibson

Aug 1893 Young



Maple Dugger camp at Shady Park  
near old homestead, below my bridge  
and just below the meadow near creek  
about 1912?



(L.D. SHARP) Ida + Laura  
ada + violet



ida Laura Wild Sulter  
Ada Willard Holt  
(Married 2-16-1893)

link

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← Photograph of L. D. Sharp's Maple Sugar Camp at Slatyfork  
Described by Ivan L. Sharp Nov. 27, 1973

T "The picture faces Buzzard Mountain. You can faintly see the line of the old road going toward Marlinton. Ada may have been married or she and/or Si may have been taking care of or watching the store, in case some customer should come. I don't quite recognize the horses. The one with the (white) star in the forehead looks like "Old Bell", grandmother Sharp's (Sarah) mare. The other appears to be Mike, the strawberry roan with ears sticking straight up. A lot of age difference in the two horses."

"Judging from the size of Violet the plain (clear) one in the picture (in white), I appear to be standing (left to right): Ivan, Joe Snyder, Gemmie [Kimmie] Snyder, Violet, Mother (Laura), Creola, Paul and Dad (L.D.) at the kettles. ~~MARYDAMMAMMAMM~~ / Gemmie Snyder was oldest and only daughter of Wirt Snyder. Wirt Snyder and Austin or Floyd Galford on the sled."

Dave: (If this picture could have been snapped in Feb. 1916, they would be these ages: LD 44, Mother 42, Violet 19, Ivan 16, Creola 12, Si 9, and Paul 6 See further note of Dave's at the end.)--Dave.

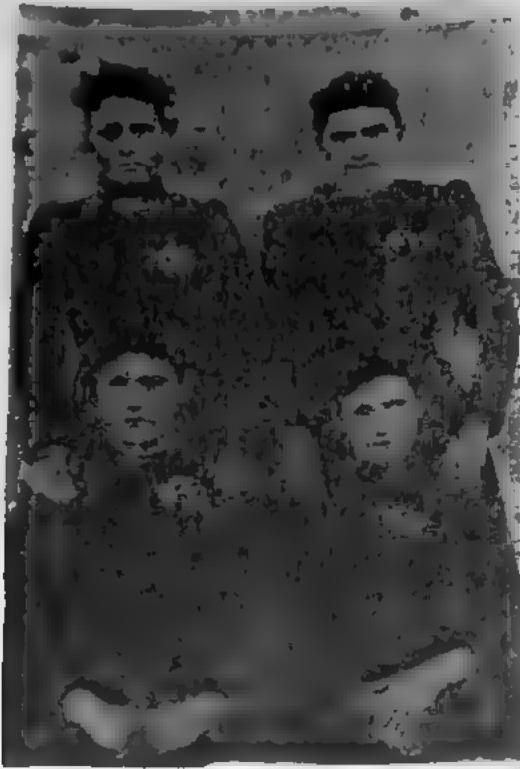
Ivan further stated: "There looks to be a fuel shortage for the kettles, but we kept some dry wood in the shed and a pile of poles below the camp for the two pans. (evaporating pans were inside the shed.) One or two persons would stay in camp at night to keep fires going and pans filled to prevent burning of syrup. Sometimes would roast potatoes, apples and meat at night by the fire."

Dave's further notes: Violet born 1897, married July 1918 at age 21.

Willie H. Gibson of Mill Gibson (at mouth of Slatyfork creek) was a photographer and took pictures up to perhaps 1920 or later. This picture was among Mill Gibson's things after he died. The card was not mailed but was addressed to Mr. Ernest Gibson, Ekkwater, W. Va. with this message "Hello. How are you by this time? I am well and hope to find you the same. Sugar Camp view; from Willie H. Gibson". Dorothy Fitzwater gave Dave the original picture. She inherited it from perhaps a sister or other relative maybe married to young Willie. The Slatyfork Creek is between the camp and the hill, in picture.

Ivan further stated: "The sugar camp is below the old barn meadow. A big wood log type storage tank in foreground, 4 big iron kettles for boiling sugar water down from 50 gal. to about 1 gal of syrup. Inside shed is two furnaces with evaporating pans, a bunk bed for night work. The two smoke stacks were from the old saw mill that ceased operation further up the creek years before. A sled was used to haul the sap to the camp using two 50 gal wood barrels--sometimes three. Picture appears to have been taken when Wirt Snyder lived at the old Jackson house up the creek (almost to buck-hollow)"

Note: The boy beside Mother appears to be thin like Si or Dave. If Dave, then the boy in trough must be Paul. Then picture must have been taken about 1918 or 1919 before Violet married. Could the girl beside Violet be Creola??? A good puzzle! ... but an interesting



Laura Jane Morgan (left) Minnie Virginia Morgan

1900  
1900  
Morgan



Laura & Minnie at start

I am on road

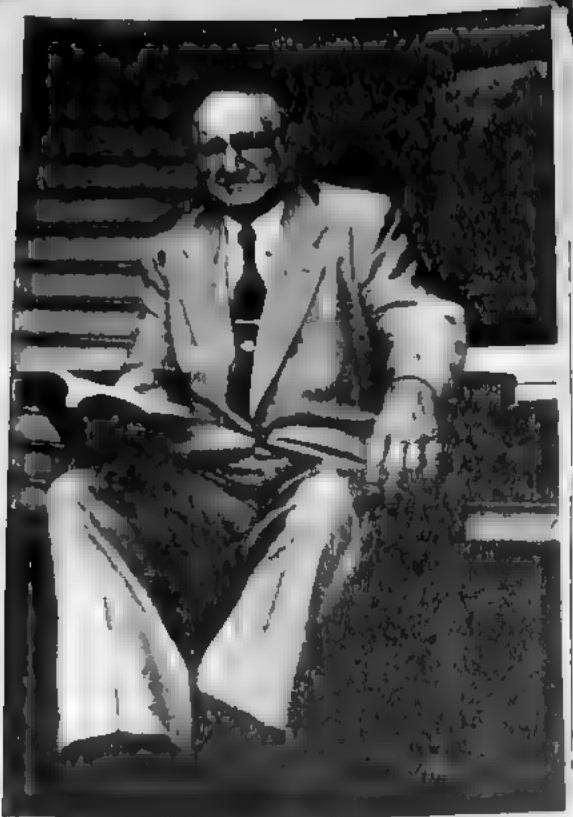
2 men with bucket

can it down on horse carrying road

catching deer, etc.

in the traps traps: 1907

Hauling water  
Sugar water  
To make sugar  
Maple Syrup



J.D. Sharp



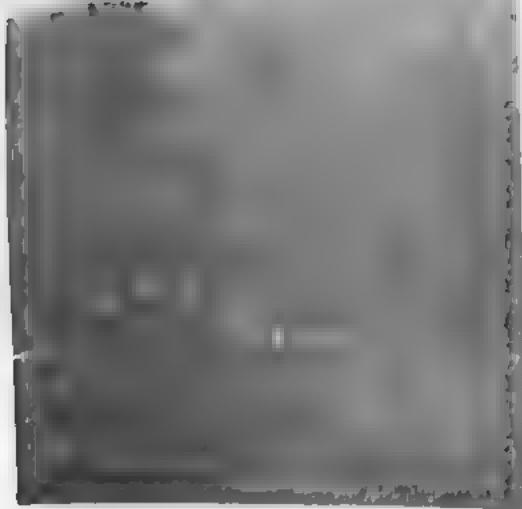
Laura Jane (megan) Sharp



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Edie Lee Sharp



Log School House where I & El  
went to school

We have  
clear photo's

ditto

Ralph Remond & El Chay

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The old mill dam and grist mill  
at Slifyfork

closed at  
Sedona

Luther H. Mentzell Jr.

old mill dam



Herne Wayne Keppe /  
Helen Knobles /  
Evelyn Gafford /  
Beverly Knobles /  
Doris Austin /  
Lorraine Gafford /  
Old Mill Dam /  
Cir 1917

at the old mill dam

Bruce Griffen's mill at Slifyfork



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right  
left  
Wing  
Wing  
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ccia (sharp) curtain/johnson.

right sharp. long MORGAN



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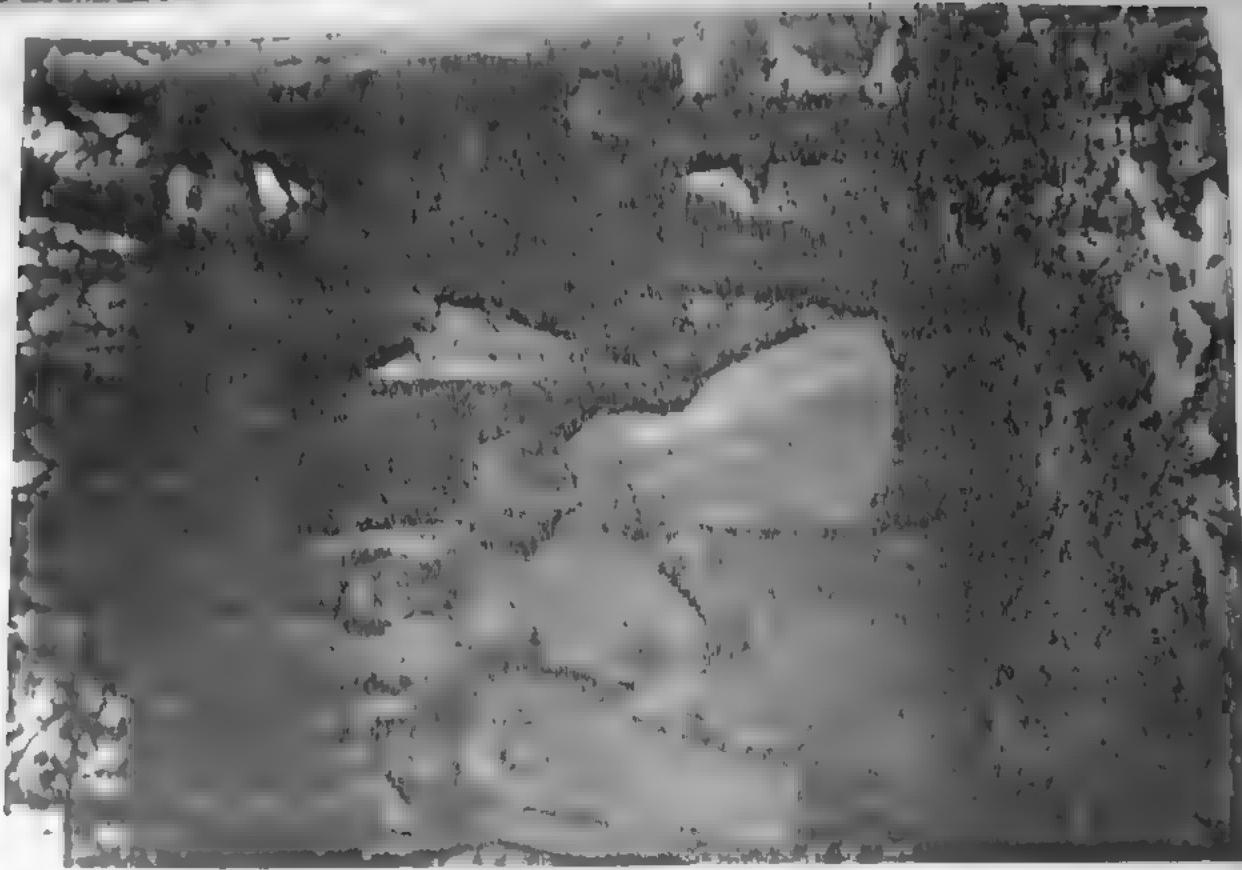
across  
at bridge creek



J.B & his wife



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children 2nd & 3rd  
children church



Woman  
Civic



Grand  
view - 56



Jan 1950

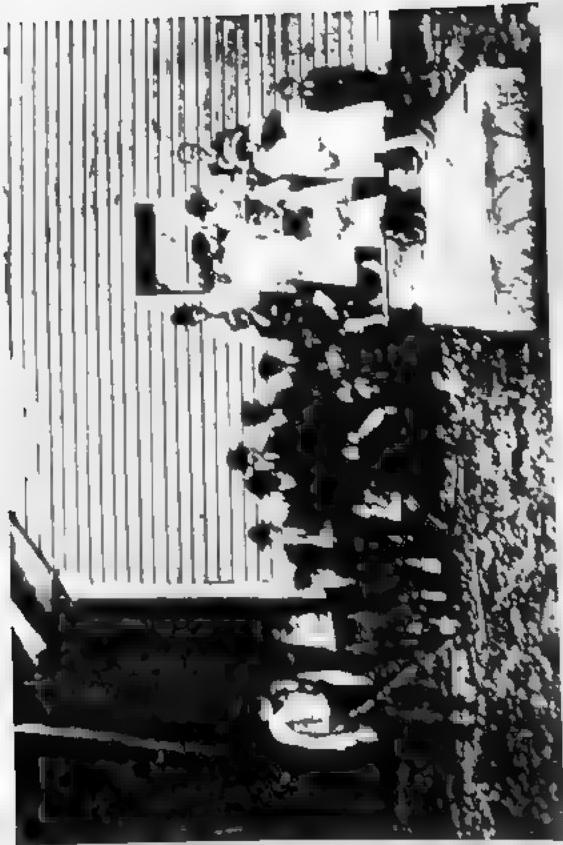


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John) house

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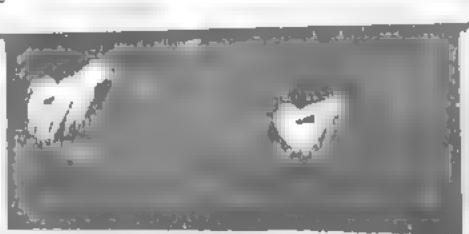
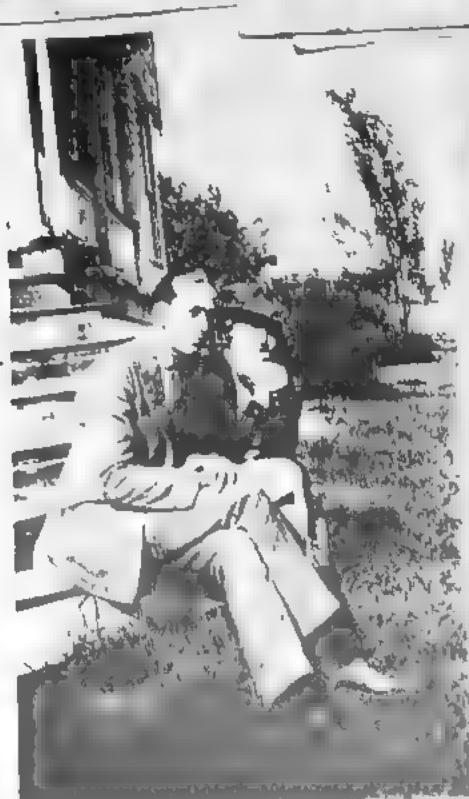
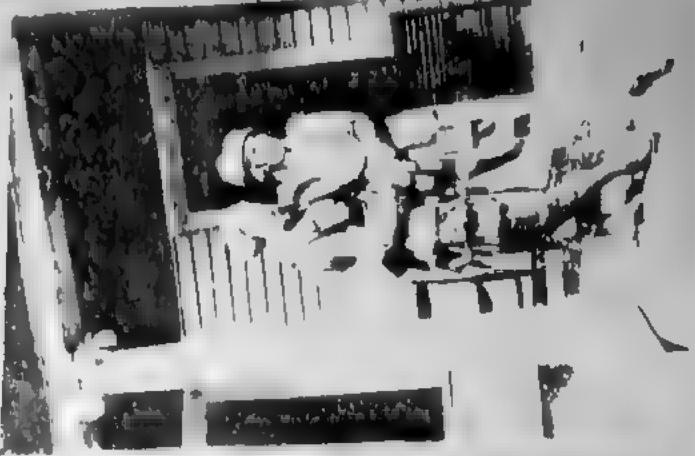
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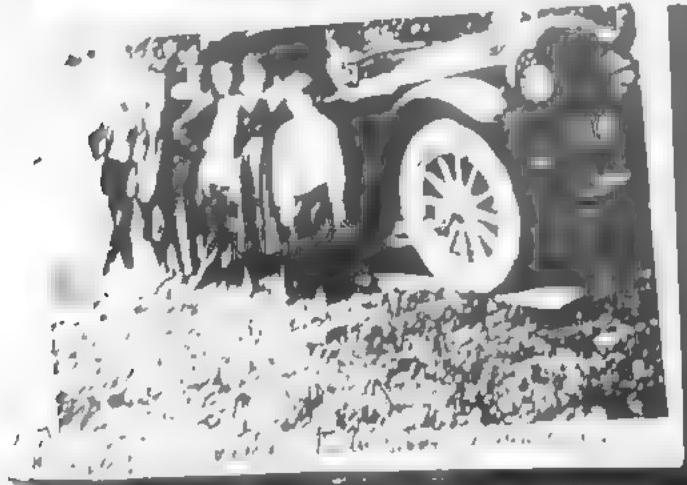
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Slight funk 2 chcs # 3  
Burned about 1928  
Locally 75 yards from old  
up Salty creek

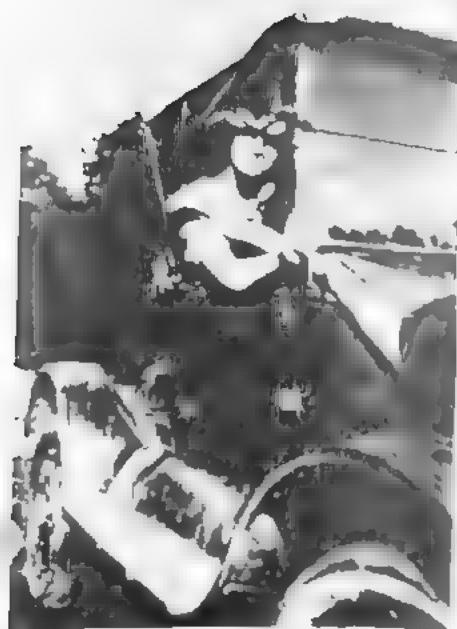








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Creda Sharp



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W.M.  
J.W.



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Mr. & Mrs. Kolef  
L.P. emala Town li



Sam/meng and Chao



Sam + Mrs. van

I will sleep at 10 days from now to start - New's start now!



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stroll  
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Edith  
and  
"chante" boy

with  
old  
boy





2nd Unit Hwy & water Robin



Kerry  
Shrub  
Napa  
Wine



Michael

Steve & Son  
Vineyard  
2003



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110  
young  
boy



POST CARD

TO A NEW YORK INDEPENDENCE

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN  
ON THIS SIDE

POSTAGE  
NOW  
ONE  
CENT

Dear Father at  
the office in  
the city of New York  
and mother in  
that it is with love  
and joy, from all  
our loving children  
including the newest born  
~~now~~ ~~now~~ ~~now~~  
from your daughter in Italy.

New York, N.Y.  
July 1912



St. Regis Church  
Italy



Adelaide



John



July 1912  
Sister





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~~Front page  
of the New York Evening  
Post~~



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Estes Park School  
about 1924 (?)



L.D. & his wife.

YOU TO DRINK SODA





Lil

at the Reunion--Sept. 1950

Bert Haver  
Clara took this grand picture of Bert  
at the reunion.

The camera seemed to have captured  
a glimpse of that elusive, ethereal  
joy known to be experienced in having  
his children all home again.

Can't you just see him in memory as  
he talked to you on that eventful  
day? That treasured quality of good  
humor and true friendliness in the  
laugh of his smile which lights  
up his face like a heavenly  
illumination, makes him seem very  
near and very dear to each one of  
us. It's love and fond memories  
Adr





Winnipeg, Manitoba  
June 1, 1960

"Dad" & son, Ivan,  
Summer 1958

"Dad" out taking  
care of his sheep  
Christmas week  
1958

"Dad" the hunter.  
1958

He shot [the squirrel]  
out of the hickory  
tree just behind him  
and he is standing  
beside the old barn.  
The squirrel fell from  
the tree with a broken  
back. Dad tried to  
step on it's head and  
the squirrel bit at  
his pants leg!

"Dad" and son, Ivan,  
at Ivan's home  
1959

Family  
Christmas 1950  
(in kitchen)  
Left to right:  
Vivian  
Keith  
Paul  
Ivan  
Dad  
Mable  
Conradine  
Gashful II  
Dave  
Ivan  
Sylvia at bottom



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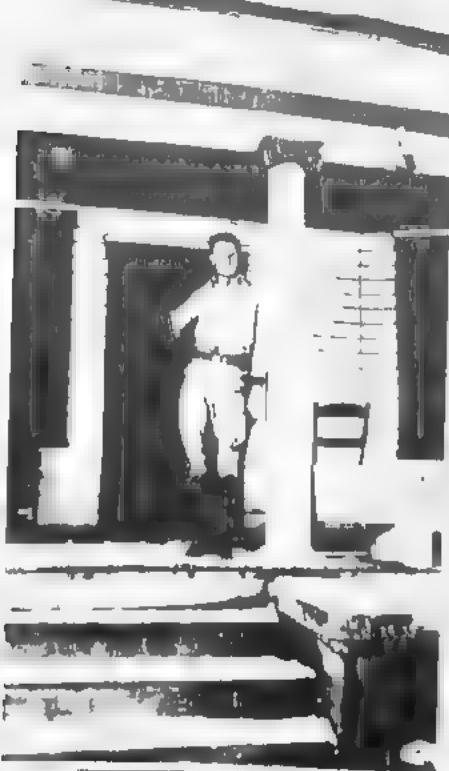
"Dad" & Ivan 1960



"Dad" & Ivan

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Gardiner's  
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when the water  
is low & there  
are no trees  
or vegetation  
then the  
trees will be  
able to come  
up without  
any trouble

100' from  
the road  
is a  
rectangle  
then it  
backs up  
backwards  
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June & Si Sharp 1982



Si & June



EVAN SHARP



EVAN SHARP  
EVAN



EVAN





Family photo at (Lori's home) (Aug 24<sup>th</sup>, 1980) (Helen, Harry) Edwards, Tom Stegeman, John & Keltha Lury



Mom Linda Stegeman 4/3



Benny & Linda  
Eduardo  
Xmas 1980

David Mamet here

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Right old man goes to town  
Kles & Sack (left) ~~old~~ place at Blatzgrund  
Old house near  
old port

Stadt  
Kuborn will morgen nach



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(2) to as deep as at - time two years ago, it is almost too cold for sleighing now. I saw Mrs. Allen giving to Martin his son a sled & it was snowed to dark before she came to get him. Mr. Stanley and I have not taken any sleds yet. I don't think she will not be able to help it; it would be nice if he would come in today some one else sleighs, reading, and then would go with another fellow. I don't think we will go north here again, as it is a good choice.

Letter from James W. Green to H. C. Sharp Jan 14, 1893. This year married himself on Oct 1, 1893 at Edina Methodist Church, immediately by his father Sam Sharp.

right

Saturday Edina, Minn.

Dear Friend:

I rec'd. by Mr. & Mrs. Allen your kind letter that you send it in yesterday evening. I am very sorry to hear of you. and to know you were well. I had a cold & been both sick with it, and better now, so went to church this morning.

Mrs. Allen is still sick the doctor says she has the fever, ... as were the rest over this country.

I do they had not want us to come home. Maria brought me three or four books and I did not give it back like it has been. It will soon

" May thy life be one sweet dream,  
and one bright long summer day.  
And like the winter evergreen,  
May it never fade away.

" morrows 2<sup>nd</sup> trip home (?)

" It - took over them settlers.

162. Uncle Wicker was want-

ing Pa to send me to Hilltown  
to school, he said he would board  
me, he half tries. He asks me if  
I want to go I told him no, no.

but did not say why.

I believe the people are very well  
filled with the enter train meet-  
ing Saturday night - if there are  
any, Mr Jackson was here Thurs-  
day & while I did not so bad  
to tell him what he said about  
me, but I did not hope a good change  
is tell him, he told the truth when

he said I was ugly, I did not care  
what, but as far as me being "handsome"  
is stuck up, it is not so.

If I was as handsome as he is, I  
believe I could talk about other  
people being ugly, and stick  
up. Our old friend he said

I received the present you sent me and appreciated it.  
But I would much rather you had not sent it. You must  
excuse this hasty written and composed letter. I  
must close for this time. Your true and loving  
friend, Laura Morgan.

163. I wrote my mom off & now  
I will be ever you be would go to see  
me. Mama, because she is the best look-  
ing. Perhaps her told you so I don't know  
about Morgan. You certainly were treated up a bit  
Sunday night, and I will try to  
get a nice photo graph and  
get very much pleasure a day to get  
a letter from Cousin Katie Francisco  
She always writes such long letters.  
She writes all the news, and so  
much mischief.

You will have told now  
if you go to the West star Co. next week  
if I think many ring is so nice  
it is rather tight, but then  
no one can get it off.  
I have never taken it off since you  
put it on. I would not give it  
back and one other thing.

You need not have  
that I did. Your letters  
do me some good; so when  
you get it write back to me.  
You must be doing  
well. Please let me know  
what you are doing. I think  
you will like life in New York  
if you do not mind such things.  
I am well.

With kind regards to your  
friend. Anna Maria.

Dear Friends. It is  
Sept 24<sup>th</sup>. '92

It is further desired  
if you will well  
enlarge to write you a few lines  
in answer to your kind letter, I  
will send some time ago. I would  
have written sooner but was very  
busy, and I thought perhaps you  
would come over to the meeting.  
The meeting commenced yesterday,  
and was very good meeting of last  
night. We had a meeting every  
night except Saturday night, &

The meeting will start on Saturday, April 21, before it "closes". It is such nice weather for visiting now.

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I <sup>(Dawn)</sup> am able I want to go to see  
her again some time. It is a long  
time I'd go. I would love to go to  
see and Sallie will be <sup>in my wheelchair</sup> living.  
Constance is better than she was.  
She can walk over here and back.  
She still has a girl staying with  
her, Ray had all her bones broken  
several weeks ago. She has  
had a awful time of it. She  
was an actress on her guns, the  
dog barked the place and beat a  
poultice on it and the doctor wanted  
her to go in town and have  
any doctor made of it. But  
Ray said she was not able to  
and has had an awful bad  
cold too. She could ~~not~~ get  
any one to stay with her. They got  
a woman to stay a few hours  
one day. Her aunt had been in  
the hospital and her uncle sick  
and his sister husband had  
Pneumonia so none of his people  
could help them any.

Sally wrote her brother Will - Before 1928 or 1929

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Fronted up who married ~~fronted up~~  
 Father was not feeling well & his  
 wife mind is bad. They long for  
 last week to Roncrete & the prophet  
 and he came back and they say  
 he is no better. he is at home.  
 it is a pity for him they have 8  
 children, and they want every thing  
 that is going. They want sick iron  
 all the children, they want the best  
 that is going but now think of the  
 boy. Virgie was over 5 day and  
 helped clean up the store. Joe  
 is getting real afraid the Indians  
 around, we can hardly hear.

They are cutting timber up on the  
 Jim Jackson place and have a  
 saw mill close Harry Shetler  
 they have a Camp there and Edith  
 Gibson comes there. I went to  
 send Ruby some thing for her  
 Birthday. I will send Edith a hand  
 bag if I can send it in my  
 suit. write me when you can  
 love to you all from Laura Sharp

L-111, from Vienna to this country were sent  
(N.Y.C.)

(whale) whale map 1:250,000

Willy is still working  
for Mr. Cat Stevens.  
for Willy has not been over  
to see his girl for a few  
days, but old "the Other  
Lynn" has been around  
and going round.  
I will go over to  
see them all this afternoon  
and get some news.  
I will wait for you - to day.  
Well what is Gilda doing?  
I want to see her very  
badly.

Non-infecting chorio-choroiditis (Jan. 3-15-1897).  
60 days pregnancy about 8 years old  
(Ada Berry 2-21-1894) left eye acute abiding for over 9 18%

Letter to Ivan by his mother, Laura March 2

(1921 ?)

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Dear Ivan: March 2 (Were you in Buchanan?)

(page 1) I received your letter and card both last night. I should have gotten the letter of course I could do up your clothes, but they might get mashed up getting to the railroad. You know they have to be carried horseback to Cloverlick and some times the mail gets wet. It is raining tonight. I came over to the store and stayed over tonight. There is some snow on the north side.

(page 2) I heard today that Cad Gilmore was arrested at Spruce for bootlegging whiskey. They were making it at Cheat Bridge and he was bootlegging it on the train and selling at Spruce. We heard they arrested one other man and Gilmore was fined \$500 or that's what I heard. Coyner was not drunk but John (Slankor?) and Resa (Higgins?) were drunk. Hattie (McClung) said she would not have minded(?) if John or Alfred Higgins had hurt him. But to have to carry a (scar?) made by <sup>the stick</sup> Higgins was the limit. Resa had on her fine dress and she sat

(page 3) ~~about~~ in the cabbage that she had for supper. People talk awful about John and Resa. Bill (who: <sup>never</sup>) and Sam (Higgins?) moved the wool out of the Curtis house today - I suppose they will move.... Nannie (Higgins) is as hot as a fox. She sent Sam over for a big box to put the thin's in and I was in a minute and she had three boxes in the floor. She said over there this morning she washed those little darned (holes or houses) were all burned up. I am afraid she is mean enough to burn them if she had her things out of there. She has no where to go only -(page 4)- if where they came from. And she says she is not going there. Papa (LD) and I got an invitation to the inauguration ball at Charleston, but I don't expect we will go. ha, ha. The boys have their fishing tackle and fishing catalog. I am glad you got the "Times". Papa was around the hill and cut a lot of grafts to graft some apples in the spring. Papa wrote out a notice to take to Uncle Hugh about not selling apples on Sunday. Uncle Hugh sells honey and apples to the Bohunks. They could come any day, they are so close by.

The following on different paper, but apparently to Ivan, maybe mailed )  
at the same time --?? <sup>Page 1, 2, 3 & 4, (Or 5, 6, 7 & 8)</sup>

March 3, 1921 Well I have come over to the new house. It rained and the creek is full Sam & Bill have gone to the commissary(?) The stores have come ( ) and I suppose they will have lots of .... <sup>Barn & Green (husband)</sup> there now... Delphie has sent her draft by Cecil to cash to have it cashed, and he has sent men <sup>there</sup> paying for her board and she has ..... Nannie went (slagging?) out to the barn this morning where Sam was. I guess she thought Hattie might go out to see (page 2) him. Hattie never looked at him. Papa said <sup>she</sup> Nannie would not speak to him this morning. .... The girls asked Papa about (stamp?) and he told them to go out to the house to get them... (stamps?) I reckon Nan would not let them go over. She just acts like a mad bull all the time she is a (rearing?) about a lamb of hers. Papa said he was keeping her sheep for nothing and paying Sam and Bill for looking after her sheep as well as his own. She is so mad about Luther ma.... moving down. (page 3) Mrs. Tracy is real poorly (told) not to be afraid to die. Matilda Hoover is home now. Mrs. Hoover to select her some clothes at Baltimore. Ada was a little better, but real poorly when she wrote. Her ..... cost nearly \$4 each. (page 4) often when the spring work comes on. Papa wants me to go to attend the store so he can sew grass seed over here. There is not many cutting timber now but the Bohunks. Well I will have to close for this time.

(This letter from the man writing) Some Nannie began last in Curtis house

John H. Clegg  
Heath & Co., Boston,  
People talk of Besa.  
John H. Clegg  
John H. Clegg

See Dipped sheet #46

1904

Nov 2

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Clegg,  
I am sending you my  
best regards and hope  
you will have a happy  
and peaceful Christmas.  
Yours very truly  
John Clegg

Note To Logos:

of streets (49) & (50)  
in the bed  
then leave via NB  
as they are typed up on page (45)

Or ↳

# Man Celebrates 88th Anniversary

SLATE FORK (WNS) — "Just keep on -- keeping on" is what I tell me my 88 years," said Luther David Sharp on his 88th birthday. W. Va. anniversary. "I tell them, 'Age is just like a cold. It sets in young. We wouldn't have it at all time if it were not for the cold.' Sharp stated.

Sharp was born April 10, 1862, in the town of Slaty Fork, W. Va., he attended the schools of Franklin County. As a child sharp said nothing he could remember that they ever had more than three or four in the house at a time for breakfast. They had corn meal, corn bread, for dinner, corn bread in meals and for supper. In fact they had both of them with lots of bacon, fried apples, or sauce and pies.

"The world has certainly bloomed and died out in flower since I was a little boy," Sharp said. "I can remember the time when there was no buggy or automobile. When a family brought the first lamp and around about there were a daughter in the family. She shipped it out and brought it to sell in our house and asked us to hide it because she was afraid it would burn up and kill their whole farm. All the cooking had to be done

over an open fire place."

On the

"My father was a farmer who

never liked to hunt and fish. I have al-

ways liked to hunt and fish, and

This have gotten a deer each year of

my life up until two years ago."

Two thousand

sharp remained, "guess I am

about the last one still."

When Sharp was 15 years old

he entered he went into the store business at

Planning, Slaty Fork on the old railroad

After the building of the new

road, he built his present home in

1917. For 70 years he has been in

the general store business. At the

time of the

present time as oldest son Luther

He is now David Sharp Jr. of Cincinnati

Ohio. Owns the store and Mrs. Sharp

is the wife of Henry Gibson manager. It is owned by

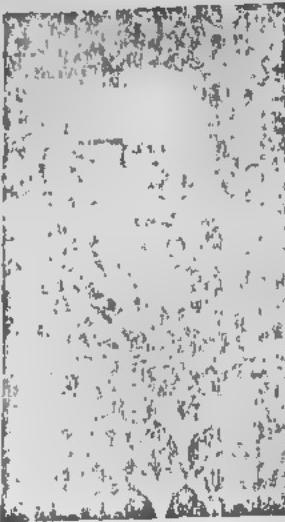
Levi Waugh, former Mrs. E.

Levi and Alice Morgan and

produced were the parents of five living ad-

active sons: children, L D Sharp Jr. from of the

Marion office; Paul of Port Neches, the



LUTHER DAVID SHARP

Texas, Silas S. Sharp, at home and Mrs. Violet Markland of Rich- land, Va. After the death of his first wife several years ago Sharp married the former Miss

Mabel Hansford of Marlinton



Notice to Contractors  
Advertisers

The meeting of Moffett Page Camp of Confederate Veterans is called to meet at the Times Office in Marlinton on Saturday, April 9 for the purpose of electing officers, appointing delegates to the Reunion at Mobile, and transacting any other business that may come before the Camp. A good attendance is desired.

LEVI WAUGH, Commander.  
E. D. KING, Adjutant.

## Farm For Sale.

About 385 acres, fine grazing, farming and fruit land. Some timber and an excellent orchard of improved trees. This land is so situated that there has never been a fruit failure. Good house, two barns, well watered, in good community. About five miles from depot, most of the distance being Macadam road. Address, Times Office, Marlinton, W. Va.

**FOR SALE:** - A small grist mill known as Griffin mill on Big Spring of Elk. Good water power all the year round. About 1 1-2 acres of land, with small dwelling. For further particulars apply to S. C. Gafford Slaty Fork, W. Va.

**Contractors Wanted.**  
We will let to contract the cutting of twenty thousand cords of pulp wood this season. As big a contract as you can handle can be secured. Apply at once to WILLIAMS & PARK, 1st National Bank Building, Marlinton, W. Va.

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Jan 1 1919 YELK

Mrs. Carrie H. Dilley, of Dilley's Mill, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Birdie O. Dilley, the past two months, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGuire's little boy continues to improve.

Charles Galford has gone to Marlinton where he has opened a jewelry repair shop.

The directors of the Marlinton and Elk Mutual Telephone Company met Saturday. The officers are L. D. Sharp, president; S. McDrury, vice-president and general manager; J. D. Gibson, secretary and treasurer. The most important business transacted was the cutting out of free phones after January 1; the extending of the short line wire down Elk wherever the extension of the company's business justifies it; the cooperation of the different mutual companies entering the Marlinton switchboard will be asked in order to install two phones, one in the C. & O. station and the other in the freight office.

The W. Va. Pulp & Paper Co. have scheduled a daily passenger, (Sundays excepted) from Cass to the commissary near Staty Fork, beginning January 1. The train will leave Cass in early morning, returning in time to connect at noon with the up C. & O. train. It will be the main line to Webster Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gibson were Marlinton visitors, Friday.

James Gibson got tired of skinning his skins handling backlogs and foresticks and has now installed steam heat in his house.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Lonn are spending the holidays at Millboro, Virginia.

Bina Moss and Earl Gibson are visiting at Howardville, Va.

Jon Buzzard was on Elk this week contracting for lambs for next fall.

Married, at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. O. H. Anderson, December 26, 1913, Clarence Blakeslee and Miss Glenna Sharp. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Blakeslee, who are raising indi-

S. L. Wrote from Fla. 1925

# Pocahontas

3-26-1925

CLINTON, POCOHONTAS COUNTY WEST VIRGINIA

FROM FLORIDA

We have taken our east coast tour, and on arrival back to our home in Orlando, will give you a part of our experience. The first day we went through Cocoa City, Indian River City and several small towns and reached Melbourn City at about the right time to pitch our tent. We were directed to the tourist camp and found it to be the best camp we have seen on the east coast. And as my son and I are fond of fishing we enquired where we could go fishing that night and were told that the best place to fish in all the country was off the Indian River bridge. The bridge is two miles long. We got flashlights, hooks and lines and pulled out for the fish market to get shrimp for bait and found that they did not have any, so we went to the grocers and bought some meat rind. When we got to the bridge and were telling the fishermen about our bad luck in not being able to get shrimp, they said "you did not need any bait, we are all fishing with a small piece of white rag." I thought they were kidding me, but soon saw that they were actually catching them thick and fast with the white rag and hook. One man had a small piece of oil cloth on his hook and they used it just as we use an artificial fly in West Virginia. We had heavy sinkers on our lines and continued to fish with the aid of rind until my son caught a trout, and took one of its gills and in a short time we caught all we could eat for breakfast. I never saw so many fish caught in so short a time in all my life. Some had fifty or more nice trout, and there must have been 200 people fishing and all were catching fish. One man told me that he had caught 700 trout the night before on a hook that was run through a piece of his white handkerchief. Ask Dick Smith if he can beat that man's tally.

The next day we pulled straight ahead for Palm Beach and we reached the ocean in time to go out on the great long pier and catch a mess of fish for breakfast. Then we drove around among the beautiful palm trees and flowers and looked at all beautiful scenery on Palm Beach. Then we drove over to West Palm Beach to the tourist's camp, and instead of finding the camp among the cocoanut and palm trees we found it located where there were but few shade trees, and the tourists were not very well pleased with the camp, but we made it all right.

The next day we drove down to Hollywood and pitched our tent in my new Sunday. This city has

in bathing. We drove out to Coral Gables where so many rich men are spending their money in lots and fine buildings. It is no place for a poor man. Miami is getting pretty wild up with Chicago for crime. We found some tourists who were afraid to go to Miami on account of so much robbing and so many murders in the last year. That was the reason why Sharp camped outside of Miami.

We took another shoot out from Miami and went down the east coast as far as the road is cut out. The first city of any size below Miami was Homestead. We went on below Florida City along Way down until we found no more road. There is a vast rich country and there are thousands of acres of tomatoes, and as the old saying is "I never saw tomatoes before." I did not see anybody but negroes living between these cities, and the negroes had many boxes of tomatoes along the road to sell to tourists. We bought the dirst tomatoes I ever saw for two cents per pound; that was all they asked for them. There are many tomato packing houses and the packers no doubt are buying tomatoes from the negroes for a song and they are shipping them up north and making a fortune on them.

Florida is not considered much for corn, but I never saw better corn grow any place than in one section down near the jumping off place. The corn looked to be much higher than a man's head—probably ten or twelve feet high—and such a dark green color that the land must be very rich.

We went out to a Seminole Indian village. There were about fifty Indians there. Some of them work in the packing house. We parked our car by the roadside and walked out to the Indian camps among the jungles, and when I saw the Indians sitting flat on the ground in squads and looking so strange at us, it very near got my nerve. I tried to get them to talk, but they would only say yes and no. They were cooking out on the ground and we could tell the meat they were cooking was more than ripe—anyway we did not stay for dinner. The children about six years old and under had no clothes on. The Indians were all barefooted but the older ones had on clothes of many colors. While we were at this village a very large swarm of bees passed over us and looked as if they were going to settle on a pine tree, but they slowly moved on. I suppose the Indians have plenty of honey to eat. It looks bad that our government does not educate the Seminoles. I am sure they are getting clever all the time.

The State is bound

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This short time Prof. we now saw some artificial lakes. They think they are more than like others, so there are many thousands of acres making them. The main diversion is over 100 feet wide and goes out to the ocean front in a few years. Hollywood will be one of the cities on the map.

As it is only eighteen miles to Miami we decided to run down to see William Jennings Bryan's Sun day school class. We were told that he teaches the largest man's class in United States with men. He teaches us to sit out in the Miami Park, but owing to being held back by the traffic we did not get to the park until he had closed, we thought we would go to the first church we could find for preaching, which was a Presbyterian church. After preaching I was told that Mr. Bryan and his wife were in the congregation so I went him up and had a short talk with him on prohibition and, while we differ in politics, we are together on prohibition. Mrs. Bryan used to be blind about in a chair, she is unable to raise her hands. Mr. Bryan said she was not paralyzed but it was worse than being paralyzed as she suffered such great pain. She has been like this for six years. They live in a fine mansion in Miami but

course Mrs. Bryan cannot enjoy life. It is poorest person with good health has the greatest blessing. Let us be thankful for our health while we have it.

Sunday afternoon we drove a distance of probably five miles across river to the Miami Beach. We can hardly get there and we could hardly get back. There were many thousands of cars going over and coming back and we would hardly get started until the city cop would stop the long line of cars. We must have been one hour going that five miles to the beach. It looked to me like there were 100,000 people on the beach and there were thousands

and while we were driving along we made up lost time, at about the place as we were driving through a single section we saw three tally horses on horseback in front of us. About one hour later while we were a long way from any town, three men were standing by the road; one of them stepped out in the road and waved us to stop and kept on waving we could see him from the light of the car. Not a word was spoken in our car, but my son had presence of mind and threw on all the gas he could. We were going at about 25 miles an hour, and we must have passed by them at 35 miles or more per hour. We don't know what their business was; they had no broken down car there. And somewhere had been so many people held up and robbed around Miami, I believe they were robbers, but they had no way to stop us unless they killed the driver, and we went so fast that it would have taken a Jesse James to have gotten him.

We drove on our tour down and back to Orlando about eight hundred miles. We found everything all right in our bungalow, and we are renting our property and getting ready to start back to West Virginia in a few days. We are getting anxious to see our old friends. James White wrote us he would stop to see us on his way home but I suppose he lost directions and could not find us. We hope he reached home safely.

We expect to stop off with our daughter at Richmond for one day and will run over to Baltimore, and make a short call at Washington, probably one day, then we will proceed homeward. The tourists are going north very fast—so much so that you can't get a Pullman without engaging it a few weeks ahead.

L. D. Sharp



The old man,  
at Armageddon.  
Ten Command-  
ments put in two or  
three

this part of the state.  
Moses, Mose, Moses, and  
Sauline are visiting friends in  
Charlottesville, Va.

## Early Seed

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[1934] car were  
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by Grace.

## WIVES TWENTY

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### LORELLA

Weather cool; hot days, cool nights and is getting very dry. Corn is coming on.

### WARM SPRINGS, VA.

Quite a number of our town people attended the Sunday school convention which was held at Millboro last Tuesday and Wednesday. They report a large crowd and an enjoyable time.

Mrs. Walter Ricks of Covington visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Latke, the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Gun and little son John E., spent last Sunday with Mrs. Gun's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Runel.

W. J. Pritchard of Frost, spent a week with his family here and returned to Frost last Wednesday.

Miss Willie Vines spent last Wednesday night with her friend Miss Annie Lupton Campbell.

Sam Moon of Augusta county, was the guest of friends here last week.

Mrs. D. B. Agner and grandson William Snider returned from several days visit to Mrs. Agner's daughter, Mrs. Alison, who lives in Covington.

Howard Campbell returned Saturday from Dayton where he attended school the past winter.

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# ROYAL

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### Notice, Contractors

#### IN THE MATTER OF BIDS IN CONSTRUCTION OF 258 RODS OF ROAD IN THE HUNTERSVILLE DISTRICT

Bids will be received by the County Court until noon, June 23rd, 1914, for construction of 258 rods of road in Huntersville district, near J. H. Burzard's being a refection of the Hill road in the direction of Brown's Creek located by J. H. Brimer, said road to be 11 feet wide, and to be built according to specifications in lands of Hunter, Dill, etc. Road Superintendent and approved by him, one-half in length of said road to be built in the present year, and completed by Dec. 1st, 1914, the remaining half in the following year, 1915. This arrangement to permit of the financing of this road without unduly burdening the road fund of the Huntersville district.

(C. J. McCauley, Clerk.)

#### Commissioner's Notice

Pursuant to a decree entered by the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia at the April term of said Court in the Chancery cause of Charles Friel vs Ira Shumansky. Notice is hereby given to all parties in interest that as required by the said decree, I will proceed at my office in the town of Marlinton, West Virginia on Tuesday the 14th day of July 1914 to take state and report to the Court the following matters of account, to-wit:

First. A complete statement showing the fees and their priorities against the lands of the defendant.

Second. What lands the defendant owns in this jurisdiction and a description of the same.

Third. Whether the said real estate will in five years rent for a sum sufficient to pay off and discharge the fees thereon.

Fourth. Any other matter deemed pertinent by the Commissioner or requested by the party interested.

Commissioner in Chancery.

#### NOTICE TO LIEN HOLDERS

To all persons holding liens by judgment or otherwise on the real estate or any part thereof of Ira Shumansky.

In pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of West Virginia,

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FOR COUNTY COURT CLERK

To the Voters of Pocahontas County:  
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Clerk of Pocahontas County and promise to be elected to serve the people of this county to the best of my skill and judgment. As you know I have had many years experience in this work and I would be glad to take it up again.

Respectfully,

S. L. BROWN.

#### FOR CIRCUIT CLERK

To the voters of Pocahontas County:  
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for the office of Circuit Clerk of Pocahontas County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in nominating candidates.

As I am engaged in school work now and will be for some time, it will not be possible for me to see all the voters of the county, so I shall ask you through the columns of this paper for your support and influence.

C. FORREST HULL.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Circuit Clerk of Pocahontas County, subject to the action of the Democratic Party.

Geo. D. Oliver,

Cass, W. Va., Feb. 23, 1914

We are authorized to announce M. Lucy Johnston as a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

#### FOR COMMISSIONER

We are authorized to announce J. S. McNeil as a candidate for Commissioner of the County Court, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

To the Voters of Pocahontas County:  
I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Superintendent of Schools of Pocahontas County, subject to the action of the Democratic Party's way of nominating. I promise, if nominated and elected to serve the

such, and others.

Authority vested in the  
Court of Common Pleas or County  
Court, its several order

or judgment of October  
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Clinton, West Virginia  
Court of December, 1921,  
and report to Court the  
terms of account, to which  
personal property be-  
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What real estate belongs  
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the value thereof  
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and amount thereof,

What debts are properly  
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their respective priori-

ties and place any party  
may attend

J. E. Duckley,  
Commissioner.

Informed from the evidence in this  
case that you brothers had been en-  
gaged in making moonshine liquor  
and that on the night preceding the  
murder of George Hulman you had  
a part of your whiskey stolen and we  
may gather from the evidence that  
you knew George Hulman and  
another of having taken your whis-  
key. In this you may be correct,  
yet even this being true it gave you  
no license to commit murder. The  
penalty in this case is severe, yet it  
is only commensurate with the crime  
that has been committed. I doubt  
not that the criminal annals of this  
county does not show a more dolorous  
killing as has been narrated by  
the witness in this case.

"This certainly should be a lesson  
to others who may be engaged in this  
business who keep  
that the day of settlement will finally  
come, and should be enough to  
turn all those similarly engaged to  
the paths of lawful pursuits."

#### THORNY CREEK

Quite an excitement was created  
in this section last Friday when an  
insane man was taken into custody  
by John Perry, W. F. Harmon and  
Summers Hoover. He gave his name  
Walter L. Carnes and said he

M. D. Armstrong

W. Goodsell's over Sunday.

Wm. Wilden, superintendent of  
the Pocahontas Packing Company,  
is making some changes to the tan-  
nery.

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#### SLATEY FORK

Grass is growing fine and it looks  
like summer was not far off.

We are expecting Professor J. H.  
Ball, one of the world's best music  
teachers, to teach singing school for  
us this summer. Everyone near  
should take advantage of this great  
opportunity to study music.

L. D. Sharp has been working hard  
getting up petitions to re-establish a  
mail route from Slabfork to Edney.  
Many years ago the people of Elk  
had daily mail, but now have no  
mail at all for a distance of twelve  
miles. Men do for horses and heavy  
taxpayers live here, and during the  
war were heavy subscribers of Gov-  
ernment bonds and War Savings  
Stamps, and yet they have been de-  
nied any mail service, we hope that  
this very important route will soon  
be established. Let us pull together.  
There is but one road from the main  
road down to the Slabfork office.  
The mail has been carried sever-  
al years from Linwood to Slabfork.

Our Sunday School is progressing  
nicely. We think the Sunday school  
should not close for the winter.  
Since we have had a few years of  
evergreen Sunday School we find it  
the thing. Our attendance has been  
good all winter and last Sunday the  
class was full with not a vacant  
seat left.

There has been a lot of moonshin-  
ing going on on Elk. Some men are  
too lazy to work and so they make  
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son, in the Clarendon Daily News

"I am of Versailles by  
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#### SLATEY FORK

Charley Craddock, engineer on the  
G. C. & St. Ry., was painfully injured  
by being hit across the stomach by a  
log while working on a wreck. He  
was taken to the hospital at Hance-  
ville, where he is still in along nicely.  
Russell Rider has sold his car for 1  
car and purchased a new Maxwell.

Mrs. Creola Sharp, who is attending  
high school at Marlinton, spent  
Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr.  
and Mrs. L. D. Sharp.

Our school is progressing nicely  
with Glen Barlow as teacher.

Oliver Balster, Lee Burner and  
Tommy are building a garage  
in partnership.

Mr. G. C. & St. Ry. engineer  
verbally with her husband, Charlie  
Craddock, who is in the hospital.

Earl and Leona Bryant, who are at-  
tending high school at Marlinton,  
spent Thanksgiving with their par-  
ents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bryant.

Senator Heflin (Dem., Ala.) made  
this prophetic declaration in a tell-  
ing speech against the whitewash-  
ing of Senator Newberry:

"The way Senators voted on a  
question like this resulted in the re-  
lease of some of them as the Sen-

I am herewith enclosing you a few

lines suggested to me by a conversa-  
tion I heard on one of our streets last  
Sunday afternoon between a minister  
of the Gospel and a couple of our lo-  
cal attorneys.

J. M. MADDOCK.

Marion, W. Va.

Whit boots if it,

Within the pulsing womb of time,

A thousand thousand years

Man passed from stage to stage;

Or if at God's command,

With single bound

He leaped from Mother Earth

A Man

To Him who gave us life

A thousand years is as a single day.

His handiwork shows purpose and de-  
sign

I question not His wisdom, mode or  
plan;

Nor hath the Record said

Be breathed in I'm the Breath of  
Life

And Man became a living soul,  
Before he was a Man'

Science hath not shown

The Sun to change his course  
In all the years;

Nor the ice Orion's bonds.

Polaris guided mariners of old,

And points the North today.

The Pleiades we view with raptured

gaze,

The Shepherd saw and doves sang

On old desolate hills

The fragrance of the Rose,

The Violets.

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War Recollections.  
Column #1  
THE RISE OF THE

① Company F, 19th V. Cavalry was organized at Millpoint, Greenbrier county, December, 1862. A few days after we organized Bill Marshall we received our arms, one of our company, Frank McKeever, deserted and went to Beverly and told the Yanks that we were in camp at Millpoint without arms and how nice it would be to capture the company. So some two or three hundred soldiers set out from Beverly to take us in. But a day or two after McKeever deserted we got our arms and had gone over in the upper end of Greenbrier county to try and capture a bushwhacker by the name of McMillion, and had been on the march the greater part of the night without meeting up with McMillion and stopped in front of the house of the night in Roanoke, Va., to get a little sleep and to have breakfast. That night it rained all day about 11 inches deep. After we got something to eat, we got bed up and started on our return to camp.

When we reached the top of Droop Mountain some time later and told of the Yanks being in the levels and had captured our parties and one or two of the company who had been left in camp and burnt all the feed and provender we had. So when we arrived in the levels we were without shelter, food or anything to eat. We scattered out among the farmers got something to eat, and a general corn dash after the Yanks to try to even up with them for what they had done for us in our absence. I think we had about sixty men. Some of Capt. Marshall's company fell in with us after we started on our road, and proved to be of great help. Lieut. Price took the division with Will Pongo, Geo. W. Jackson, Joseph Hall, and Henry Sharp with him.

When Capt. McNeil found that he could not open the door he gave it a kick and asked them to surrender. The Yankee Lieut. in command answered him by saying, "Surrender, no, never," and they commenced shooting through the doors and windows and we replied in the same way. A Yankee by the name of McWhorter, from Jane Lew, was shot and killed as he made the attempt to get out of his bed, and another Yankee was killed in the room. By that time the Yankee Lieut. cried out, "I surrender."

Capt. McNeil answered, "I asked you to surrender and you wouldn't, let them have the boys."

Then he said, "I surrender with up-arms I have."

Capt. McNeil then gave the command to cease firing, and we crowded in the house, and while we were in the house Walt Allen from the 15th Virginia, lay down and made a escape. Well enough fed up, I guess, for it is hard to tell what might have been his fate had we gotten him.

All the boys did not know that Lieut. Price and his men were down the road and some of them mistook them for Yanks and fired on them, killing Henry Sharp, which cast a gloom over our victory. We captured eighteen Yankees with their horses and arms all of which we needed in our business. So we opened up pretty well for what they had done to us.

### Frost

Plotting and sugar working is the order of the day.

J. W. Jackson moved to Frost last week. We are glad to see him back again.

H. B. Williams, of Cass, was around last week shooting his rifle and many found

Geo. H. Rydor, of Westover, was in the city to see his wife.

The War Department has

ton or Edray; but not if them at either place we fall them to Elk. When we got where the road left the pike to William Moore's, Lieut. McNeil that some had taken road and had not returned waited there for the troops came up and when it got dark called for volunteers to go him to Mr. Moore's and we nearly frozen, and we were make the trip a foot, I didn't want to make the trip, thinking it was my bravery that caused me but just simply to keep from being. Well we were soon at Moore's and surrounded the house and Lieut. Price called to Moore and asked him if he any one stopping with him tonight. He said, "Yes, there a couple gentlemen stopping him." He told Mr. Moore wished to see them, and we and brought the gentlemen which proved to be two Y. We went to the stable and their horses put the Yankees on string and started back. One the Yanks was Sergeant M. the other a high private, I be. When we got back to the house was good and warm. We set two prisoners back toward J. and then Lieut. Price and his men started on to Gib. When we got to the Mooretown we all dismounted, hitched horses to the fence by the road and Lieut. Price and his men went on in front. When we got to Polly Gibson's, Lieut. Price and his men passed by, and the command surrounded house. The Yankee picket had been on duty had gone the house and was trying to some one to go out and take place; so there was no picket duty when we got there. Arms were stacked in one of the rooms. We thought would open the door and over the Yanks as they lay on floor. Capt. McNeil tried open the door but it had been used and a bed set upon

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*Editor*  
Hearten onto the battle of Days Lane. The story of that battle has never been printed before. It is ignored by all histories of the war. In late years it was not a subject of frank and open discussion by the people of this county. Time cures things. There are still living a number of men who participated in that fight, and I have talked with men on both sides recently and after so long a time this historic event which had been so nebulous came out clear and distinct and I will endeavor to state the case.

At the West Union school house at the foot of the mountain, on the road that leads to the Williams River country, in 1863, lived Henry Duncan, in a double log house on the headwaters of Stony Creek. The house was opposite the mouth of a draw or hollow leading off at right angles toward the south, and up that hollow lived William Beverage about a quarter of a mile distant. A passway was used up that hollow to reach the Griffin place, and the names of people living on Days Mountain, and on over to the headwaters of Dry Run, a branch of Stony Creek. Part of the passway between the Duncan place and the Beverage place was fenced on both sides in 1864 as a lane. It was this lane that gave the name to the battle.

The State was formed in 1863, and in the early part of 1864 a regiment of state guards was formed at Buckhannon, and of this regiment Pocahontas county furnished one company, captained at times by Captain Sam Young, a minister, and later by Captain L. W. Allen. Captain Young resided at the sulphur spring on Stony Creek, (Ellis Sharp's) on May 1, and made an appointment to preach there again in forty years after. A great concourse of people gathered there in 1894 to keep the appointment, but the captain was

the northern soldiers. Upon a council of war it was decided to take to the mountain and make a detour in the direction of Williams River in such a way that cavalry could not follow them. They realized that they were a small company of men in a country that was hostile to them, and that they might be killed by an ambushed force at any minute.

It turned out afterwards that the soldier at the bridge was not a sentinel, but was a deserter who was making his getaway to Buckhannon, where they saw him a short time after.

The little army turned up Price Run and from there climbed Bucks Mountain through the grass lands until they reached the fringes of trees near the top, and there they took some cold food from their haversacks and lay down to sleep without any fire whatever.

They were stirring before daylight and marched to the head of Dry Run and called at the house of Peter Beverage, a Union man, and there got something to eat, and then proceeded by the way of the Griffin Place, to William Beverage's place. William Beverage was a brother of Peter Beverage, but was a Confederate in sympathy, but was a non combatant.

Here there were bees, and the little army, feeling safe from possible pursuit, commandeered a bee gum and hive full of honey. It was the first week of November and the hive was heavy with honey. The soldiers made the farmer give them buckets and they proceeded to fill the buckets with honey, preparing for a mid-day feed.

In the meantime, the Confederates had been laying plans to capture the Union soldiers sent here in such a small force to guard the lion in his den. Captain J. C. Gay, holding a commission as captain under the Confederacy, with authority to guard the border was the ranking officer in this emergency, he augmented his force by summoning to his headquarters at his home at the mouth of Stony Creek, all southern soldiers who were at home on furloughs, and his command was made up of about half recruits and half soldiers on furlough.

Godfrey Geiger says that he and his brother Adam Geiger were called

John Armstrong, Moffett Walton, John R. Adkison, William Kinnison, James L. Rodgers, received serious wounds. Moffett Sharp, shot in the mouth.

J. H. Moore, who was under fire from the first, says that no one was hit at the first fire, that is the firing that occurred while the Union soldiers were getting the honey for lunch to William Beverage's yard. I think this is correct. I think Bernard Sharp was hit in the hip with a mountain rifle ball while he stood behind a tree, returning the fire of the Confederates. He was a fine, tall slim young man, and his untimely death was greatly regretted.

The wounded soldiers were taken to a cave near James McGuire's, under the shadow of Red Knob, and concealed, and they were treated with great kindness and consideration by the McCuirs family.

There was no one hit on the Confederate side. The Confederates turned back at Henry Duncan's and they took from his farm a bee gum and bees which they carried to William Beverage to replace the one that he had lost to the Union army. There seems to have been no cause for this other than Duncan was for the Union, and Beverage was for the Confederacy.

I have talked with Register Moore and Peter McCarty, soldiers of the Union, on one side, and Godfrey Geiger, soldier on the Confederate side. Godfrey Geiger was in some of the biggest fighting of the war. George McCollum was eight years old and he has a vivid recollection of the soldiers returning from the battlefield, shouting and victorious. He was at his Aunt Ruth Kee's on Bucks Mountain; George M. Kee, a wounded Confederate soldier being at home.

It is probably impossible for complete lists of the soldiers to be obtained at this late day and time, and the names in re given are those furnished by survivors of the affair.

Union soldiers: Captain Samuel Young Captain L. W. Allen Lieutenant Wm. Kinnison, Corporal John Armstrong, William Hamman, Willis Gay, George Cochran, Clark Dill, Ewings battery, Jeremy D., G. D., John Hannah, Clark Kellison, Newton Wanless, Moffett Wanless, James L.

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The dauntless Averell and his mounted infantry, like a thorn in the flesh and a ranking one to the Confederates, had conquered and subdued West Virginia for the Union. He was ignominiously discharged in September 1864. The county of Pocahontas in the fall of 1864 was controlled by the Confederacy. It was determined however by the West Virginia authorities to hold an election for President in this county, and arrangements were made to open the polls at Edray. And the Pocahontas county state guard company was detailed to bring that election off. They marched on foot from Beaver to Edray, a distance of fifty-four miles, coming in by the way of Elk River, and arriving a day or two before election. It was recognized that it was a dangerous expedition, sending one company into Pocahontas county.

The company camped near the leadwaters of Elk on the way in, and one of the soldiers, Washington Nell obtained leave of absence to visit his wife who was stopping at William Gibson's. Here he was captured by a squad belonging to Captain J. C. Gay's company of Confederate scouts, and was taken as a prisoner to the headquarters of that company, at the farm of Samuel Gay just above the mouth of Stony Creek. That night in attempting to escape, Nell was shot and killed. The prisoner had laid out Private Bennett with a stone and had been shot as he fled near the ford in Stony Creek.

This word had reached the company at Edray Captain Sam Young was in command. Capt. L. W. Allen was there too. Nearly every member of the company was a Pocahontas man. Already apprehensive of the danger of being in the heart of a Confederate county, the death of Nell must have impressed them with the dangers of their position. The polls were opened under the oaks standing in front of the William Sharp house, near the big spring. The soldiers all voted irrespective of age and a number of citizens of the vicinity, and the vote was solid for Abraham Lincoln for president.

Aaron Moore was chosen as the messenger to take the vote into the northwest in part of the State, where the existence of the government of West Virginia was recognized, and the company of soldiers prepared to act as his guard. William Hannah was one of the commissioners of election but he had the uniform of a soldier. It was decided not to attempt to return by the pike to Beaver, the road now called Severs Trail. The return was to be made by crossing the river at Martha Bottom, by Huntersville, and the Hill country, by Loomore and Greenbank to the Staunton and Parkersburg pike at Travelers Rest and across Cheat Mountain. The company marched four miles south to Marlinton and when they came in sight of the bridge they saw a Confederate soldier at the end of the bridge. A terrible sight! This soldier saw the Union soldiers at the same time and whirled his horse and galloped back through the bridge. This was construed to mean that he was a picket and that he had gone to notify southern cavalry of the advance of

order to fire being given, a volley was set off, the result of which was a general scattering of the blue coats for shelter. Some went to the hill sides on either side of the hollow. Some went down Duncan's Lane, and sheltered in and behind Duncan's house, and some to the knoll commanding the mouth of the hollow where West Union school house stands and in this way gave battle and returned the fire.

Aaron Moore with the election returns ran up the hillside, and Godfrey Geiger says that he would most certainly have been killed if it had not been seen that he was in citizen clothes the rule being to shoot no one not in a uniform.

At or about the first fire, Bernard Sharp of the Union Army, a son of William Sharp of Elk, and a brother of Simeon, and Hugh Sharp fell mortally wounded. He was shot through both hips. Godfrey Geiger says that he was carrying an army gun called a musketoon, which took a paper cartridge. That he went into the fight with three charges and that he would have been out of the battle but for the fact that he got a supply of cartridges from the battlefield after the first volley, the Union ammunition just cutting his gun. Godfrey Geiger says that his was a long range gun, and that he saw Captain Young in the passage way between the two parts of the Duncan house and that he shot at him. That Captain Young told him afterwards that the ball cut away his clothes across his chest. The bullet was recovered after the war from the log where it had lodged.

The two little armies having taken shelter continued to fire at each other for something like an hour and a half and neither side making a charge, the Union soldiers gradually withdrew and made their way by little squads to the original rendezvous at Beaver taking with them the result of the election. When it became apparent that the Union army had retired from the pike, the Confederates went on down the lane, and came on Bernard Sharp, and carried him to Henry Duncan's house. It was apparent that he was near death, but they sent for a doctor and did what they could for him, but he expired in a few hours.

The Union soldiers wounded were

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It was not a case that was discussed freely in the olden days. It was only when the story of this battle was about to be lost to history that I gathered some of the salient facts in connection with it, and fortunately I was able to talk to soldiers who had been in it.

As a battle it does not rank high in the national issue to be decided other than it had a direct bearing on the election of Lincoln the second time. If he had been defeated, it would have been a long farewell to the greatness of America. But it was not in the plan of Providence for him to fail.

As a part of the travail of West Virginia in her birth throes such contests as these, occurring in the border counties, are of the greatest importance.

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stand to receive quiet peace was declared, you the salient fact, Duncan's Lane, as what might be expect the day's work from State guards fight, and finished who failed to receive compensation after the wa

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have not been given due credit for  
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tiveness in the cause.

#### **CHARM OF A COUNTRY STORE**

If you are passing through Slaty Fork in Pocahontas County, you might want to stop at the Esso Station and gas up for an excuse to have a gander at the store. It is owned by Luther David Sharp and he is trying to retain the quaint charm of an old-time grocery store. As long as he possibly can he wants it to look about the way it did when his father with the same first and second name started the store in 1925. The elderly Mr. Sharp died a couple of years ago at the age of 91. The present owner lives in Cincinnati where he is in the retail jewelry business and leaves the Slaty Fork managing to Eunice Gibson. She'll be happy to show you the store and the few mounted specimens of wild life that are there.

The senior Sharp left three other boys and a girl. They are Ivan of Nitro, Si of Slaty Fork, Paul of Port Neches, Texas, and Vi Markland of Richmond, Virginia.

"Hillbilly", Richwood, W. Va., Sept 25 1945

CHURCH NOTES

## JINTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Harvey H. Orr, Pastor**

DIED

A telegram was received  
day, announcing the death  
of Mrs. Moore at her home in  
City, Kansas, on June 10,  
age was about 80 years.  
She was a brother of Mr.  
Auldridge, of Indian Dr.  
The late Aaron Moore, of  
His parents were the late

Willard Sharp The Family Genealogy

I The Children of William Sharp (1740-1833) and  
His Wife Mary Weeks

Their Sons

- James - Married Ann Waddell, 4-28-1800  
John - " Sally Macollam 8-27-1804  
Andrew - " Nancy Drinnan 1-18-1806

William Jr. " Elizabeth Waddell 9-29- 1798

\* No record of Andrew except  
his marriage bond and mention  
in his father's will.

Their Daughters

- Nancy - Married Levi Moore 1-21-97  
Mary " Arthur Grimes 1-21-97  
Rachel " Jonathan Griffin 8-12-1806  
Peggy " Francis Wilson 5-14-1811  
Rebecca " Alexander Waddell 12-25-  
1816  
Jane " McCollam  
Margaret " Kelley

II The Children of William Sharp Jr. (1772-1860) and his  
Wife Elizabeth Waddell

Their Sons

- James Sharp - Married Althea Martin  
Alexander Sharp " Mary Dilley  
Jacob Warwick Sharp " Elizabeth McNeal  
William Sharp 3rd., " Rachel Dilley  
John Sharp " Sally Johnson

- \* Dave Sharp volunteered to write  
Family History of William 3rd )  
\* Charles H. Sharp volunteered to  
write Family History of John Sharp

Their Daughters

- Mary married David Gibson  
Elizabeth " Hugh McLaughlin  
Martha " Andrew Dilley  
Ann married Alexander Stalnaker  
Ellen " Warwick "  
Jane " James Hanson  
Rebecca " Wm. D. Moore  
Nancy " Jacob Cassell

by - "Ward Sharp"

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WILLIAM SHARP SR.  
1740-1833

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM SHARP SR. LET NOT HIS NAME BE FORGOTTEN.

The footprints of the name of Sharp have been indelibly imprinted on this land before the Revolution and most certainly before there was a Pocahontas County. This is a small attempt to trace some of these footprints that have traversed these lands for a period of over two hundred years. They have their beginnings in one pioneer by the name of William Sharp Sr. The underlined names show the line of descent from the pioneer to the writer. Each spouse is shown in parenthesis.

William Sharp 1740-1833 was the pioneer settler of the Huntersville vicinity and was the first to open up a permanent residence. It was located a few rods from the forks of the Durmore and Huntersville road. Mr. Sharp located here about 1773. He saw service as a scout, spy and soldier against the Indians and the British. His affidavit made in 1812 indicates four short tours of service totaling more than two years and six months. These include an expedition against the Indians on the Muskingum River in the fall of 1764 to March 1765; service as an Indian spy during the summer of 1773 and summer of 1774; served as a scout and messenger from the summer of 1774 to December 1774; drafted early January 1781 and was in a skirmish against the British at Portsmouth, Va. where he was discharged in April 1781.

The nature of his service as an Indian spy was to guard Warwick's Fort situated on the headwaters of the Greenbrier River, to traverse the surrounding mountains and to watch the caps and passes for Indians coming towards the settlements. Later he continued to guard the settlement forming on the Greenbrier River, reconnoitering the country between the headwaters of the Greenbrier, Tygarts Valley and Elk Rivers.

He came from Augusta County where he lived at a place then called Beverley Manor near Staunton. He was one of three children of John and Margery Sharp who were orphaned in 1750. The land records have several transactions relating to his

holdings. In 1756 he had 115 acres patented to him on both sides of the Middle River of the Shenandoah. In 1769 there was a land grant of 355 acres on the Greenbrier River, in 1787 another 320 acres on the Waters of the Greenbrier, in 1787 another 270 acres on Ewings Creek, in 1791 another 320 acres on Brown's Creek. Some of this land was used to settle his large family on. His will dated in 1826 shows ten children. (This shows three more children than are recorded in Price's History.)

His wife was Mary Meek (s) daughter of John Meek. Their children were: NANCY (Levi Moore Jr.), MARGARET (John Kelly), JOHN (Sarah McCollam), WILLIAM (Elizabeth Waddell), RACHEL (Jonathan Griffin), MARY (Arthur Grimes), JAMES (Ann Waddell), ANDREW (Nancy Drinnen), REBECCA (Alexander Waddell Jr.), JANE (Mr. McCollam). <sup>1772-1860</sup>

John Sharp who married Sarah McCollam owned tracts of land on the west side of Allegheny of 255 acres and 82 acres, also 238 acres on the head of Lewis Lick Run. The family of four girls are as follows: ELLEN (Amaziah Irvine), MARY (Josiah Friel), REBECCA (John Duffield), NANCY (William H. Irvine). This line of Sharps ends here in the county but a descendant of Mary, Ann Dillon of Columbus, Ohio is writing the Grimes family history of Pocahontas.

James Sharp was a member of the court under the old arrangement, was high sheriff and was held in high esteem for his patriotism and strict scrupulous integrity. One story about him needs to be kept alive. He was an avid hunter, not only for sport but as a matter of business. While living at his first home on Cummings Creek, he had a very sensational adventure on Buckley Mountain. One evening while returning home he was passing along when a panther suddenly mounted a log a few yards in front of him. He shot the animal, but when the smoke cleared away another stood in the same place on the log. This performance was repeated nine times when he panicked and ran home. During the night the remainder of the pack followed his trail home and killed a yearling calf. Properly reinforced, he went back to the spot where he had fired nine times and there found nine dead panthers.

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William and Elizabeth had the following family: JAMES (ALTHEA MARTIN), ELIZABETH (Hugh McLaughlin), JANE (James Hanson), WILLIAM (Rachel Dilley), MARY (David Gibson), REBECCA (William D. Moore), ANNA (Alexander Stalnecker), ELLEN (Warwick Stalnecker), MARTHA (Andrew Dilley), ALEXANDER (Mary Dilley), JACOB WARWICK (Elizabeth McNeil), JOHN (Sarah Johnson).

1762-1860 William Sharp Jr. There is the romantic tradition that William Jr. met Elizabeth Waddell at the home of Thomas Drinnen at Edray. Thomas had organized a congregation and one of the worshippers was William Jr. who came dressed in a coon-skin cap. When the young lady returned home she made some funny remarks about the homely young man she had seen at the meeting and his furry cap. Her mother said the young chap would probably be calling around the first thing she knew. Sure enough he did come and on a busy wash day. He found the young lady resting up, performing on the spinning wheel in short petticoat, chemise and barefooted. It was love at first sight and they became engaged that very day.

This couple at once settled in the woods near Verdant Valley and opened up a fine estate out of a forest noted for the tremendous size of its walnut, red oak, and sugar maple trees and reared a worthy family. He is listed as one of the most substantial and prosperous citizens of the county in its formative period. This Verdant Valley, which few people know of today, was located in the area of the Fairview church and school house. The homestead of William Jr. was very visible during the mid 1900's as the farm of Jacob Sharp, the brother of Dr. Ward Sharp of Russell, Pennsylvania. A son was William III. 1806-1882

John Sharp who married Sarah Johnson and lived at Fairview first, then bought on Jerico Road near Marlinton had the following family: HENRY (Elizabeth Moore), HUGH (Mary Jane Waugh), WILLIAM EWING (Laury Ann Malcomb), MARY (William Frank Dilley), MARTHA JANE (James Wilfong), NANCY ANN (Noah Erving Wilfong), JAMES ALEXANDER (Eleanor Wilfong), DAVID WARWICK (Amanda Beverage), SUSAN (Amziah Irvine).

William Ewing Sharp married Laury Ann Malcomb and lived at Fairview near

in Union. Their family consisted of: MARGARET MATILDA (Charles H. Miller), PAUL WARWICK (Mary Catherine Sharp), LUMIUR (Died at age 2), ROSA ARIZONA (David Early Webster), MARION MCCOY (Della Jackson), DENCY EDWARD (Gosha Underwood). Paul Warwick Sharp married his first cousin, Mary Catherine Sharp. To them were born eleven children, including a set of twins: CHARLES JACK (Ora Belle Thompson), LANTY JANE (Molly Velleghem), MARLIE MATILDA (Cecil Curry), NELLIE ANN (Theodore Vanreenen), HAZEL ELIZABETH (1. Karl Elcessor, 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Russell), LAYTON SWING (Juanita Rosina Tackett), PAULINE CATHERINE (1. Hubert May, 2. \_\_\_\_\_), OSCAR WARWICK (Margaret Noonan), AUSTIN MCCOY (Fula Mae Underwood), SYLVIA BELL (1. Jack Herman, 2. Robert Schultz, 3. Granville Moore), NINA JUNE (Charles Waybright).

He made his living as a carpenter and as a teamster with lumber companies in the surrounding areas. In later years he settled down to a life of farming on the Jerico Road at Meninton. As a pastime, he played the fiddle (violin). A number of his children learned to play string music, including the banjo, guitar and the fiddle.

His apple orchard was a place of interest. Sunday at his house would find many relatives and friends to visit, which was usually followed with horse shoe pitching, games, etc.

In his later years he used to sit by the fire with friends spinning yarns of bygone years in hunting, fishing and working in the woods.

Charles Jack Sharp married Ora Belle Thompson and they became the parents of fourteen children: JACK ARNOLD (Margaret Sharp), EARL MILBURN (Mildred Kirkpatrick), LUV WARWICK (Muriel Ann Bates), DIMSEY THOMPSON (Jeanie Walton), CHARLES HERBERT (Nina Harris), CATHERINE KELLOGG (Andrew Tyler Baechtel), CRAIG ARTHUR (Betty Shinaberry), DONALD JAMES (Mildred Underwood), TOMMY DAVID (Garnett McCoy), PATRICIA WENONA (Joseph Lamoureux), BRINDA CAROL (Marvin Doss), LOUISE KAY (Joseph Roy), LESLIE DOUGLAS (Martha Jean Horner), CLINTON CHARLOTT (Kenneth Slagle).

Charles Jack Sharp spent a considerable amount of time during his younger years around logging and lumber operations, since his father was a carpenter and teamster. While attending high school, he worked as a teamster in the summer and attended school in the winter. School at that time was held six months out of the year. He attended West Virginia State Teachers College at Parkersburgh, then taught for nineteen years in the rural schools of Pocahontas County. He was held in high esteem as one who could control students as well as parents in rather rough communities. Places of residences include: the old Jackson place on the Jerico Road, Woodrow, Fairview and the present home at Brownsburg.

He accepted a position with the Farm Bureau during the depression of the 1930's. In 1943 he accepted the position of manager of the Southern States Cooperative store. After twenty years he took an early retirement due to ill health.

He was also a lover of the outdoors and of his fellow man. There are few people who ever knew him that have been on unfriendly terms. He was an ardent hunter and fisherman. He was a crack shot, winning many prizes in shooting matches. He is one of the best wild turkey and deer hunters that ever walked into the woods. His love for trout fishing will still go on if there is such a thing in the hereafter.

This information was compiled and submitted by Charles Herbert Sharp of Brigham, Utah with the assistance of Dr. Ward Sharp of Russell, Pennsylvania; Dave P of Cincinnati, Ohio; and Ann Dillon of Columbus, Ohio.)

## The LUTHER DAVID SHARP Family

of Slatyfork

(Spouses in Parenthesis), "Children in quotes"

- LUTHER DAVID "LD" SHARP, 1872-1963 (Laura Jane Morgan 1874-1932, daughter of Rev. Samuel Morgan of Edray). (His second marriage was to Nabel Mansford.)
- His father was SILAS 1842-1899 (Sarah Hannah 1844-1908, daughter of David Hannah), "Melinda, Ella, Luther"--"LD".
- Silas' father: WILLIAM 1815-1882 (Rachael Dilley 1806-1882), "Silas, Hugh 1846-1923, Harmon, Luther 16, Bernard, Henry, and Mary Ella 6". "Bernard and Henry died as Civil War soldiers, perhaps on different sides. Family tradition says Henry was shot at Bob Gibson's place by his own (confederate?) men as a spy for the North. Luther, 16, a civilian, was shot by Confederate Jake Simmons. Silas, also a civilian, was captured the same day and marched to a Salisbury, N. C. prison. After 23 months and 24 days he and the other remaining five alive men were exchanged."
- Silas' grandfather: WILLIAM 1772-1860, (Elizabeth Waddell), "William, James, etc."
- Silas' great grandfather: WILLIAM 1740-1833 the pioneer, (Mary Meeks), "Nancy, Margaret, Rachael, Mary, John, and William." He built the first home in Huntersville, was an Indian scout 1773, fought the British in 1781, fought the Indians in Ohio 1761, and rescued their prisoners in Ohio 1764, and a messenger to Gov. Dunmore at Fort Pitt.

"LD's" children were Ada 1894-1956, Baltimore (John Johnson, Will Curtain), <sup>136</sup> Donald, Helen, Billie, Clara, Stanley; Violet 1897- , (Rufus Markland, Richmond, Vice-President Assistant, O & O.), "Rufus"; Ivan 1900-1975, Nitro, attended Wesleyan, a plant foreman, (Genevieve Grindoff, Arbovale), "Ralph, Ramona, Parkersburg, married Tom Shipley, Evan 1940-1975"; Creola 1904-1923; Si of Slatyfork, 1907- , who likes the out-of-doors and is an accomplished painter of wildlife; Paul 1910- , retired personnel director of U.S. Rubber Co. (Vonda Love, Katherine Milhellin) Port Neches, Texas, "Thayer 1933, Arkans 1935 married Glenn Smith"; Luther David "Dave" Sharp, Jr. 1916- , Cincinnati, Sylvia E Friel daughter of Dee and Mary Friel, Marlinton), "Linda Dee 1961, married Henry Edwards". Dave, a Wesleyan graduate, 1939, operated the <sup>138</sup> Slatyfork store, was watchmaker, and as a Certified Gemologist, American Gem Society, operated a jewelry store in Cincinnati.

" had a most unique lifetime experience--seeing the development of modern conveniences we take for granted. He saw his first train at age 12, experienced the exciting development of automobiles, airplanes, radios, telephones, TV, electric refrigerators, etc., medical-surgical advancements, packaged food, electric lights, and the atomic bomb. started merchandising, buying fur and farming at age 12 and became a respected businessman in Pocahontas, running a general store, farming, dealing in wool, ginseng, raising the famous white lynn honey. He was a W. Va. Apiary Inspector, the first master of Slatyfork, 1901, owned a water-powered ~~HENRY~~ gristmill, had the first hone in Pocahontas as the line entered Pocahontas from Randolph on the way to Weston 1898-1899. He owned one of the first three cars in the county, a 1914 Studebaker, the first to import and turn loose Chinese pheasants at Slatyfork. He was a member of the Farmers and Merchant's Bank as well as <sup>the</sup> Pocahontas County Fair, died his last deer at 89. He was asked by the American Museum of Natural History York to secure a Pocahontas ~~HENRY~~ wild turkey nest at hatching time, done May 1906 and the turkeys and nest are still on display. He dearly loved and directed the Slatyfork Methodist choir that was invited to many song festivals in. and Virginia. He certainly was a credit to Pocahontas County!

ed by Dave Sharp 4171 Parton Woods Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45209

*best to W. Va. history  
Cincinnati, Ohio*

SARAH HANNAH 1847-1908 married Silas Sharp  
Compiled by Dave Sharp 12-15-80

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The below lineage is taken from the "Pocahontas County History Book" by William Pirce (1830-1921) --plus family stories included.

1. David Hannah (Sr.) from Ireland, married a Gibson from Augusta County.  
Wife: Elizabeth (?) Practiced medicine--?
2. Joseph Hannah married Elizabeth Burnside and settled in "Old Field Fork of Elk, near "Mill Run" (Mill Run, I believe is near Marvin Hannah's place--?)
3. David Hannah married Lester Sicafoose from Crabbottom. (Vir. inai?) They became very religious after their two children died--Joe and ~~MM~~  
Otha of diphtheria. specially after Otha died, recovered after a vision of heaven, telling who he saw there, etc. (Story described elsewhere from a tape recording by L. D. Sharp, and of Allie Gibson

Their children were:

1. Otha (Not in this order)
  2. Joe
  3. Henry
  4. Rev. George Hannah.
  5. Mary, the baby mentioned in Otha's story of a vision, and who married ~~MM~~ Sam Gibson. They had one child named Stella who married ~~MM~~ Fisher, father of Rocky Fisher.  
Mary died and Sam remarried to (Anna -?) ~~McGowen~~ of Summers.  
Born to second marriage was Richard, Henry, Ruth and Archie.
  6. Melinda married John Rose in Webster County. (I believe they lived down Elk River, as Dad when buying furs when 12 years old said he stayed at his aunt's house.)  
They had a son name Bob Rose. (He visited our home at the old house when I was small) A daughter, Kelly, married Herbert Honner.
  4. Sarah Hannah (1847-1908) She married Silas Sharp, who was captured as a civilian by the Confederates who were operating in the Slatyfork-Linwood area one year. They considered him a northerner and he spent 23 months and 24 days in prisons in Richmond and Salisbury, N.C. and was then exchanged just before the war ended.
- Their children were: Melinda who married Ellis Hannah  
(1) Melinda: married Ellis Hannah. Their children were  
Eva (Seale), Leo Hannah, (Lena) Baxter, Russel Hannah.
- (2) Ella: married Job Gibson. She, we are told was named Mary Ella after Sarah's sister Mary. ~~MM~~ Hannah, or Mary Sharp, sister of Silas. → She died of diphtheria at age of about 6 --?

5. -- (3) Luther David Sharp, Sr. who married Laura Jane organ, daughter of Rev. Samuel Morgan. They were married in the Edray Methodist Church. (Mother, (Laura), lived in the Edray parsonage.)  
Their children were:

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Silas, Paul, and Luther D. Sharp, Jr. (Dave)

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References: Luther Sharp, Alice Gibson,

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STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_  
NO. 1 ON THIS CHART IS  
THE NAME PERSON AS NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
ON CHART NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Jeremiah  
mother of  
John Sharp

1 <u>Jeremiah</u> <u>mother of</u> <u>John Sharp</u>				BORN 1-1-1544 WHERE _____ WHEN MARRIED DIED 1-2-21-1502 WHERE Shady Brook	2 <u>David</u> <u>Hannah</u> WHERE _____ WHEN MARRIED 21 Nov 1843 DIED WHERE _____				3 <u>Elizabeth</u> <u>Sharp</u> WHERE _____ WHEN MARRIED 1843 DIED WHERE _____			
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Young Jr. Wm. J.

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WAS OBTAINED REFER TO NAMES  
BY NUMBER

1. Father of John Sharp  
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SLATYFORK W. VA. SCHOOLS  
Slatyfork, W. Va. Schools

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The fifth school was a four-room brick school known as the "Seneca Trail Consolidated School". It had a gymnasium, a kitchen, furnace and running water! Ira Drill of the school board promoted the building of this new school which opened in the fall of 1930. That fall we had a powerful football team of well-grown boys which included the Vandevenders, Beales, Hannahs, Wooddells, Gibsons, and Sharp. But, the team didn't have any uniforms. Hillsboro had been a winning team for years. Marlinton was anxious for some one to beat Hillsboro and sent their uniforms over to the Slatyfork school on the Reynolds Bus Line. The word ~~XXXX~~ got to us that Hillsboro heard about our extra large team. They called by phone canceling our only game scheduled for the year!

After many years it closed, about the 1950's, and the students were then bused to the Marlinton school.

The first principal of the school was Robert Eades. Other teachers were Paul Sharp (also a principal), Lucille Bright, Louise McNeal the present W. Va. Poet Laureate, Florence Howard, Becky Slavens, Ruth Cunningham, Mr. La Rue, Orda Hill, Hugh Moore, Mable McNeal, Mr. Neil Conrad, Wanda Lee Smith, Deacon Shinnaberry, and Josephine Wooddell.

SAM HANNAH

**Footnote:** For a period, about 1923, L. D. Sharp and Page Hannah were the Trustees.

It was their duty to hire the teachers.

## Pupils

### Slaty Fork School No. 23

#### EDRAY DISTRICT

Pocahontas Co., West Virginia

April 29, 1927

Submitted by *Dave Sharp*

Dave Sharp, Cincinnati



VIOLET LITTLEFIELD,  
RUTH CUNNINGHAM,  
Teachers

#### UPPER GRADES

Beatrice Shelton	Eva Hannah
Leola Simmons	Cora Hannah
Dorothy Hannah	Porter Hambrick
John Shelton	Kathleen Carter
Frank Carter	Steward McNeely
Arlie Hannah	Donald Johnson
Luther Sharp, Jr.	Verdin McNeely
Sarah Shelton	Mary Francis Cromer
Earl Carter	Ruth Simmons
	Ruby Mitchell

#### PRIMARY ROOM

Lexie McNeely	Wanietta Bonner
Hubert Bonner	Richard Carter
Joe Carter	Elbert Cromer
Emma Cromer	Lyle Painter
Louise Painter	Arietta Higgins
John Victor, Jr.	Lughvan Victor
William Victor	Norman Hannah
Julian Shelton	Pearl Simmons
	Helen Johnson

## SLATYFORK W. VA. SCHOOL?

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Slatyfork Schools --Continued Genevieve Sharp

This is the way I remember the teachers at the Slatyfork School  
(now the church)

1924-1925 Genevieve Sharp  
1925-1926 Pauline Guyer  
1926-1927 Violet Littlefield and Ruth Cunningham  
1927-1928 Pauline Cuyer and Gaye Hannah  
1928-1929 Stella Conrad Finch ~~MME~~ (my sister) and Gaye Hannah--Kerr  
1929 and 1930 Charlsie (Charlise) Beverage & Gaye Hannah.  
1930-1931 I believe the history book we just received gives Seneca Trail School the year 1930-1931.

I am not real sure when the two rooms came into existence (partition).  
But I believe Pauline worked on that the first year she was there and it came to pass that first year she taught or the following year.

I looked it up in the history book and they have it dated 1931-1932 when Seneca Trail started. So I am not sure who taught in 1930-1931. Maybe the Seneca Trail School came that year--1930-1931.

Dave: Doc Hannah taught one year at Slatyfork. It may have been 1923-1924.

Dave: An end of school year, April 29, 1927, Violet Littlefield and Ruth Cunningham gave the students a small booklet for the Slatyfork School #23 Edray District and listed the students. So the above years listed must be correct.

<u>Upper Grades</u>		<u>Primary Room</u>
Beatrice Shelton	Eva Hannah	Lexie McNeely
Leola Simmons	Cora Hannah	Hubert Bonner
Dorothy Hannah	Porter Hambrick	Joe Carter
John Shelton	Kathleen Carter	Emma Cromer
Frank Carter	Steward McNeely	Louise Pinter
Arlie Hannah	Donald Johnson	John Victor, Jr. Lughvan Victor
Luther Sharp Jr.	Verdin McNeely	William Victor
Sarah Shelton	Mary Frances Cromer	Julian Shelton
Earl Carter	Ruth Simmons	Pearl Simmons
Ruby Mitchell		Helen Johnson
(Teacher Littlefield)		

Ruth  
(Teacher Cunningham)

Dorothy (Hannah) Fitzwater said these teachers taught at the (church) school house: Ruth Moore (her first teacher, also Dave's), Charlie Beverage, Stella Fench, Genevieve Sharp, Gaye Hannah, Lila Orndorf Ruth Cunningham, (not necessarily in that order) And Irene Judy taught at the new brick school--probably it's first year of use?.

Frank Hannah said the following taught school at the school that burned: George Bright (Frank's first teacher), Dave Baughman, Emma Howard, Lesslie Judy, Sadie Hannah, Mary Hannah, Eva (Hannah) Beale, Allie Gibson, Jessie Hannah.

Naomi Pauline Guyer, teacher 1927-28 May 1, 1928 "Year Book".  
Pupils: 4th grade: Hubert Bonner, Dick Carter, Mary Sage, "Waneita" Bonner, Mary Frances Cromer, Ray Sage. 5th: Arlie Hannah, Verdin McNeely, Luther Sharp, Jr., Don Johnson, Mattie Sage, Ruth Simmons, Catherine Wilfong; 6th: Porter Hambrick, Steward McNeely, Chas. Smith; 7th: Kathleen Carter, Dorothy Hannah, Cora Hannah, Leola Simmons; 8th: Reta Curr (Kerr) misspelled June 8th, 1928 (Apparently age 11 in May, and was 12 on so she must have been in about 3rd grade--?) (Dave apparently age 11 in May, and was 12 on (Edray Sub-district No. 23. Upper Grade Room. Slatyfork )

## THE SLATYFORK METHODIST CHURCH

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The first services apparently were held in school houses in the 1850s and 1870s.

In the 1900s services were in the now-gone school house beside the Slatyfork creek,

near the present church. The charter members of the church of the recent  
75 to 100 years were L. D. Sharp, Sam Gibson, Sam Hannah, etc.

Since about 1920 the present church ~~had~~ held services in the last one-room school  
house until 1930 when the same school house was turned over to the church, and at  
which time the school moved into the new brick building.

The members remodeled the church, changing the entrance to the new front, putting  
a steeple on it and dug a basement for a furnace. Charlie Beale, Ivan Sharp,

Oscar Kerr, Eugene Hannah, Frank Hannah and others worked weeks digging the basement.

Harvey Bright, a carpenter-cabinetmaker (also a watchmaker) was engaged in making  
all the benches etc. for the church.

L. D. Sharp was superintendent of the Sunday School for many of the years he  
was a member. Others who were also superintendents were Eugene Hannah, Ivan  
Sharp, Frank Hannah, etc.

Some of the ministers were Rev. Sam Morgan (1889-1894) (father of L. D. Sharp's  
wife, Laura.), Rev. Hill, Rev. Powers, Rev. Combs, Rev. Lang., Rev. T. H. Taylor,  
Rev. Clarence Peirson, Rev. Skaggs., Rev. Crawford, Rev. Hitchim, Rev. Gum and  
Rev. Ezra Bennet.

In the 1930s and 1940s there were 60 to 70 attending Sunday services. With  
most of the lumber related jobs gone and many young people moving to the cities,  
the membership is now small.

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## The Marlinton and Elk Mutual Telephone Co.

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Since 1899 Pocahontas county has had telephone service. The first line came from Beverly in Randolph county, entering Pocahontas county at Mace. A Dr. Boworth built the line from Beverly to Marlinton, which was finished in August 1899. Later that same year the line was extended up and down the county. About 1910 the Marlinton and Elk Mutual Telephone Co was established. Each stockholder bought a wall phone and paid about \$5 a year or the equivalent in labor. Some non-stockholders paid rent to use their phones. Chestnut poles were set and a single wire was strung between the poles. Charles McGuire, Sam Gibson, Otis Gibson and Jake Hoover were some of the repairmen or linemen. A magnetic generator was cranked to cause all the bells in all the phones on the line to ring. When the receiver was lifted off the phone hook two dry cell batteries began providing the power to carry the audio over the wire. There was a line from Marlinton which terminated at L. D. Sharp's store with 20 phones in between on the line. If you wanted to talk to someone in Marlinton, or a long distance call, you would crank the phone a "short" and a "long" and "central" would answer and connect you with your party. Many times "central" (the operator) would have to repeat every word both ways for a long distance conversation. A "short" was about one turn of the crank. A "long" was about 3 turns of the crank. Central ignored all other rings which were direct calls to neighbors on the immediate line. Each phone had a different arrangement (code) of "longs" and "shorts". If someone wanted to call, for instance, L. D. Sharp, he would crank two "shorts" and two "longs". Others on the line were supposed to not pick up their receivers when the phone rang for someone else. But usually there was one or more listening to the conversation. That is how they heard the "news" ! There were many 4-way, or more, conversations. Mr. Sharp said a man came in the store in 1899 and heard him talking on the phone to George P. Moore at Edray and asked him if the wire was hollow to carry the voice ! Apparently the phone was an exciting thing and it was used for amusement sometimes. Mr. Sharp said he and a preacher at Edray sang a song together 12 miles apart, Mr. Sharp singing tenor and the preacher soprano. There are many interesting pranks and stories about this 20-party line that is not printed.

Submitted by Dave Sharp and Raymond Mace  
Cincinnati Slatyfork

Votes on the Elk telephone system ... by Raymond Price.  
(Continued by Dave Sharp)

According to Price's History of Pocahontas County, the first telephone line was completed between Beverly and Marlinton in August, 1877. This was known as the Bowditch line and was the first telephone line in the county. I do not know the name of the promoter and builder, except that he was a member of the prominent Mouth family living in the Huttonsville-Beverly area.

Apparently the Bowditch line lasted only fifteen or twenty years, and perhaps not that long. Probably during World War I or shortly afterwards another telephone line was constructed. This was, I believe, known as the Marlinton and Elk Mutual Telephone Company. It consisted of a single wire strung between chestnut poles. Part of the telephone owners using this line were renters and part were stockholders. During the 1920's Susie Gibson, Frank's aunt, left Elk and moved to Marlinton. We bought her shares in the telephone company. My grandfather Sam Rider owned a telephone but he was a renter. It is my impression that the telephone line extended no farther than L. O. Sharp's place. Charlie Peale had a telephone, but anyone who desired to call to him from Elk had to have his call routed by way of Cross and then to Linwood. Leo Hannish would probably know this.

The old telephone line gradually fell apart, and service was impossible. In the late 1930's, sometime after Rt. 219 was completed, a move was made to re-organize the company and build a new line. There were to be no renters. Anyone wishing to have a telephone had to be part of the company. A family could have a telephone by contributing labor or money. My father contributed labor. The line was a single wire strung between chestnut poles. A lineman or troubleshooter was appointed at the stockholders' meeting. I remember that Jake Hoover was Lineman for a time, and I believe Charles Schryne was also a troubleshooter or supervisor at one time.

Jim Baer owned "central" on the exchange at Marlinton. Any call through another system had to be switched by the Marlinton exchange. At one time there were two Elk telephone lines. On the Marlinton side of

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Elk Mountain there was a line known as the Short Elk Line. A telephone owner on our side of Elk Mountain had to use Central to talk to people on the other side. I believe the short line was used by people in the Elkins part of the county. I am not sure whether the Short Elk Line existed after the new line was built in the late 1920's.

In the late 1930's the Federal Government became more interested in the Elk area, and a sub-camp of the C. C. C. was established across the river from us, on the spot where Floyd Galliard once lived. Then it was decided to rebuild the Marlinton and Elk Mutual Telephone system, with the government furnishing the material and labor. Consequently, a new line was built. New poles were erected and a double line was strung between them. Some years later, perhaps in the 1950's, the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company took over telephone communication on Elk.

Telephone rates on the Marlinton and Elk Mutual Telephone service were cheap. If I remember correctly, the yearly telephone dues were four or five dollars. I am fairly sure they never reached ten dollars. Even then, there were some people who had to be sued or threatened before they would pay the telephone bill. Also, it must be added, free calls were discouraged. If a stranger stopped at a man's house to call for help in getting his automobile started, he was supposed to pay for the call. I believe it was a dime. I doubt that most people ever collected. It just would not be neighborly.

Here is a list of calls or "rings" from a paper I found among my mother's things.

Davis Nace \_\_\_\_\_  
 Harry Vanner \_\_\_\_\_  
 Harry Shelton \_\_\_\_\_  
 Melinda Hannah \_\_\_\_\_  
 J. A. Gibson \_\_\_\_\_  
 John Baughman \_\_\_\_\_  
 James Gibson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lottie Gibson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Luther Shipp \_\_\_\_\_  
 Slidy Fork \_\_\_\_\_

*must have been on short Elk line before it got to Marlinton.*

Robert Gibson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sam Rider \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hugh Minish \_\_\_\_\_  
 William Hannah \_\_\_\_\_  
 William Vanner \_\_\_\_\_  
 Doch Gibson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Willie Gibson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marlinton \_\_\_\_\_

If I remember correctly, "Central" ring was changed in later years.  
*W.M.H.*

I am not sure which period of time is represented by the "rings" I have typed here. It must have been early in the 1920's. Hugh Hannah has been gone from Elk a long time. Perhaps he was part of the Short Elk system. Also, William Hannah has been dead since the 1920's. His name could have been kept on the list of subscribers, however. I am puzzled a bit. Something else puzzles me. Sam Hannah and Sam Gibson were not included in the list. Both families had telephones. Sam Gibson's "ring" was \_\_\_\_\_\_. Sam Hannah's number was \_\_\_\_\_. In the very early 1920's Page Hannah had a telephone, but I don't remember his number.

Sometimes a telephone owner would let his batteries run down. This would prevent him from getting a message to whomever he called. Then some good soul would relay his message. Someone was always listening. At times there were four-way conversations taking place. On occasion a tree would fall on the line, or the line would get on the ground. This always caused problems. A bad telephone would poison the whole system. An incident during the 1930's is worth mentioning. People's telephones all up and down Elk were ringing at intervals, but nobody could be heard talking. For a few hours or a day or so people ran themselves ragged answering their phones, only to find no one there. Lee Hannah told me that he informed Jennie that ~~Sam~~ Gibson was drunk again and was using the telephone. ~~Sam~~ did get that way once in a dozen years or so, but this time he was innocent. After a thorough search for the trouble, it was located on Lake Reed's - (Lake Gibson's farm) place. It was summer time and a power line which was just barely above the telephone line got warm and expanded, dropping just enough to touch the telephone line when the wind blew or when the line got a bit warmer.

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Here is more information which I copied from The Pocahontas Times,  
January 1, 1914.

"The directors of the Marlinton and Elk Mutual Telephone Company met Saturday. The officers are L. D. Sharp, president; S. Mc Dilley, vice-president and general manager; J. D. Gibson, secretary and treasurer. The most important business transacted was the cutting out of free phones after January 1; the extending of the short line wire down Elk whenever <sup>able</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> extension of the company's business justifies it; the cooperation of the different mutual companies entering the Marlinton switchboard will be asked in order to install two phones, one in the C. & O. station and the other in the freight office".

This would seem to indicate that the old Bosworth line had been replaced by the Marlinton and Elk Mutual Telephone line sometime before.

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## Our Pocahontas Co. Country Doctors

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Dr. Cameron of Mace was a typical country doctor and he had perhaps the only Stanley Steamer car in the county. About 1934 my brother, Si, asked me if I wanted to go to Dr. Cameron with him for a check-up. Near the end of Si's check-up Dr. Cameron picked up his only and obviously many-time used wooden tongue depressor, and before Si could react, Dr. Cameron used it to examine his throat! Half the stick was very dirty from holding it in his hand. The other end was clean from many previous tongues! Dr. Cameron glanced at me and asked if I wanted him to check my throat. I promptly declined. He showed us some bent glass tubing fitted into bottles etc. and to a source of heat that he invented to use steam to cure T. B. in lungs. He said the steam would kill the germs but he hadn't solved the problem of injury to the patient! Maude Hall of Mingo said he told many unique stories including this one. Dr. Cameron made a house-call and when he found the patient in severe pain he decided to operate to see what was wrong. He opened the abdomen and found the gut separated. He asked for a peeled potatoe and a needle and thread. He slipped the potatoe in the gut to hold it round so he could sot around the tear cleanly. With the gut sowed back like new, he slipped the potatoe to one side and crushed it with a squeeze of his hand so it would "pass on through". He said the patient had a good recovery!

Dr. Jim Price was "Mr. Pocahontas County Doctor". He had a typical country doctor's office right in town. After examining a patient he issued whatever pills or liquid medicine needed from one of the hundreds of bottles, jars etc. setting on tables, shelves and the floor. There was a pathway through bottles and jars on the floor from the door to his consultation desk. Vonda Sharp received an "A" on her college assignment when she wrote a loving account of Dr. Jim and his office. During the depression when banks were closing all over the country, it was reported that Dr. Jim, in order that his bank could be strong if there would be a "run on the bank", got a leather bag and rode to Washington, D. C. with some bonds and brought back about \$60,000 of paper money in a bag. The bank emerged from the great depression in great shape.

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Dr. Cofer, the Slatyfork doctor about 1926 gave \$5 to the student who memorized the best Bible verses during the year. The teacher reported to him that Donald Johnson won it and he was given the money the last day of school. Donald carefully hid the \$5 under his bed till the County Fair opened that summer. He took his \$5 with him. His ~~W~~ Father, L. D. Sharp, asked him about his \$5. Donald said he lost it all on those gambling wheels!! Later, Donald, while riding a bicycle near the company store, ran into the back ~~end~~ of the walking Dr. Cofer and blew out a tire, with no injury to Dr. Cofer. Dr. Cofer also removed glass from Donald's face, arms, and legs when Donald put a match in a bottle of gunpowder!

Other doctors at Slatyfork ~~were~~ Dr. Cox and Dr. ~~W~~ Styers who had the first motorcycle in the area. A picture of the motorcycle exists.

Another noted doctor was Dr. ~~NAME~~ Norman Price who ran a foot race with an Englishman from Randolph county to Marlinton, which story is printed elsewhere in this book.

Submitted by Dave Sharp, Cincinnati.

Editor: You may edit, correct spelling, grammar and remove any items you think uninteresting.

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## The Great Practical Joke in Reverse!

Slatyfork 1914

R. Israel

Hugh Sharp, a bachelor, who lived at Slatyfork had Mrs. Showalter doing the house-keeping and a man named Taylor Ramsey doing some farming on the place. Hugh loved his several hives of bees he kept inside his yard fence. Bee hunting was his sport. With honey in his glass bee-trap he would go into the woods until he found a tree with bees. He seldom cut the tree, but carved his initials on it to indicate that it was his tree. He worked with <sup>his</sup> bees without a veil over his face and claimed they never ever stung him. If they did he wouldn't admit it.

Every evening after supper he would always take a stroll past his hives to enjoy seeing them work. The two staying there decided to play a practical joke on him so they secured a "patented" snake that looked just like a real snake and placed it at the mouth of one of the hives in a manner that looked like it was eating his bees. This day Hugh took his stroll and he noticed the snake a few hives up the row. He backed up and got a stick and slipped up on it with his stick raised. He suddenly realized it was a fake snake and knew that they were watching him. He did some quick thinking. He proceeded to turn around toward the house without looking up and after a quick "preparation" he did a wee-wee on the ground! Well, that turned the practical joke around on them, as he knew they wouldn't tease him about the snake eating his bees! And they didn't.

Submitted by *Dave Sharp**"go. ed  
To History Book!  
Not printed!"*

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Editor: you may edit the story for Topical History. To shorten it you might leave out about his bee hunting. Correct any grammar. (Hugh Sharp was born in 1846.)

*Send to  
Huntington  
Book*

## WM Sharp, the pioneer

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## THE POCOHONTAS TIMES

Editor of the Gazette at Martin  
& W. Va., an excellent class writer

CULVER W. PHILIP EDITOR

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 1891

For President  
GEORGE D. YOUNG  
of New York

At a court held for the town of Pocahontas on the 1st day of September, 1872, present James Bell an, Benjamin Tallman, Thomas M. William Beckley, Jacob Light Jr., John Bradshaw, Robert H. each gentleman

and testifying, said:

On the 11th day of November 1862, I, personally appeared before the authority of the peace for the county aforesaid, William Sharp, a resident of the county and state above said, aged about two, who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain a copy of the Act of Congress passed June 3d, 1862. That he received the services of the United States under the following named officers and served as follows: He stated that he was drafted and he stated that he was drafted and the went into the service in company commanded by Captain William Kimball, does not now recall the name of Lieutenant, but recollects that Ensign's name was James Pitt in that the company to which he belonged was attached to a regiment commanded by Colonel Lampson Matthews; that he entered the service in the early part of the month of January, 1862, and was discharged from that time of service in the month of April following. That he was in confinement with the British at Portsmouth, England. That he remained there where he remained, when he entered the service, in what was then called New-Anglia. That he was drafted, that he marched across the line Ridge and directly on to Portsmouth, where he remained in till he was discharged. That he left in company commanded by Captain Andrew Beckley, in an expedition against the Indians than in that the William Sharp and himself were sent by Colonel Andrew Beckley with message to Governor Dennison, who was then at Fort Pitt, (now Pittsburgh), and did not return to join the army until the next morning after the memorable battle at Point Pleasant. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no paper or record bearing whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service in said campaign.

He went as a volunteer in the month of September, 1862, under Captain Charles Lewis (the same he was afterward killed in the Battle of Point Pleasant) in an expe-

nition against the Indians on the Muskingum River. That he was in service and fought during the fall of 1862, and did not return home until the month of June, 1863. Captain and McLean had belonged to Captain Lewis' company, however not now recalled. The names of all other officers that were out on said expedition except Colquitt Field and Mr. Neal, that they had no engagements with the Indians than four, that he abandoned them and gave up the Indians in and gave up this place never thereafter.

He was also in service as a soldier up during the summer of 1873, and the summer of 1874 previous to being drafted into service as before stated under Captain Beckley, of which said service as a boy he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person now living whom he may be can procure who can testify to his said service. He states that during all his services together those whom drafted the troops of volunteers and the various forces in Indian war will need two years and six months. He hereby certifies that he never claimed to be a pensioner or monthly except the present and he claims his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of my state.

Wm. Sharp  
Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me a Justice of the Peace for the County of Pocahontas, and I do moreover certify that the said William Sharp is a man of good character and bodily integrity above described.

And the said court do hereby declare their opinion that the above named affidavit was given him under oath of an Indian boy and certified to the state.

The proceedings of that day is signed by Thomas Hill, a Notary Public.

William Sharp was the pioneer settler of Hendersville and from him descend the family of Henry Sharp. The Sharp family resided from one descent back of John Sharp, brother of Captain of Ireland, who settled with his family in 1802 on the Alabama Sharp place at Fresh. His wife was Margaret Wilson, a sister of Rev. John R. Wilson, a pioneer Presbyterian pastor of Pocahontas county. They came here from Hendersville, however, July 1st, 1806. W. Sharp is also a descendant of William Sharp through their mother Mrs. Amabel Gifford Sharp, daughter of David G. Gifford, who was a son of Arthur Gifford, who married Mary, a daughter of the William Sharp, whose declaration of honor, given as a revolutionary soldier is on record.

William Sharp was the first to open a permanent residence at Hendersville. His name was first the permanent residence of George W. Gifford. He was living here prior to the last skirmish war, and according to tradition he came here from near Boston. This is borne out in his deposition that he went out in 1804 with an expedition under Captain Charles Lewis (or Bonham) to the Muskingum (Muskingum) River taking back prisoners held by the Indians. I presume these captives were taken in the second Keokuk Creek

about 1777. Anyway, he was here in 1804 and went on the Point Pleasant campaign. In Captain Andrew Beckley's company.

I recall that mention is made of him in the Chillicothe Papers as Capt. William Sharp, which he was detailed to open certain roads in what is now Pocahontas County.

His wife was Mary Meek. Their children were Nancy, wife of Levi Moore, Mrs. Margaret, wife of John Robert Hoboh, wife of Jonathan Bell (Mr. May), wife of Arthur Gifford, now deceased, John, who married Sarah McCallum.

House son of W. H. Ross, the pioneer married Anna Waddell. They settled on Horse Creek. Their children were Mary, wife of James Lewis MacCoy, wife of Jacob Clegg, Mary the wife of Mr. Joe McCloud, Nancy wife of Robert Ryder Atkin, wife of John C. Clegg, Jr., Martha, wife of John Van Jordan, William, Andrew and James.

The last named, James, was the magistrate who attested his grandfather's declaration. He was a prominent citizen of his day, Justice of the peace and an active member of the county court, high sheriff and elder in the Presbyterian church. He was also a great hunter.

He told of his hunting deer in Buckeye Mountain late one evening in a particular mount a log a few yards in front of him. He shot the animal but when the smoke cleared away another panther crawled on the log. This performance was repeated six times when the family became panic stricken and started out for home. Some time during this night, other settlers followed him back to his home and killed a bear by half. The next day with proper reinforcements Mr. Sharp went back to the place where he had heard the noise, and found just three dead panthers.

James Sharp married Mary Burnside. He died during the war. William, son of William, the above settler, another married Elizabeth Waddell. Their children were James, who married Adelia Martin and lived on Brown Creek; William Jr. married Rachel Dilley, and lived at Hedges Creek; John married Elizabeth Neely; John married Sally Johnson, Rosella, wife of James Thompson, Alice wife of David Wilson, Rebecca wife of Wm. D. Moore, Anna, wife of Alexander Mathias, Ellen, wife of Wm. Mathias, Nancy, wife of Jacob Gossell Martin, wife of Andrew Dilley.

Mr. Sharp says he was a member of the original committee to found Sampson Mathews' College, Mathews City, at Hendersville. His son Sampson married Mary, daughter of Major Jacob Waddell, and lived at Don Simon, the son, Sampson Beckley Mathews, being the grandfather of Judge George W. McMath.

A Negro refers to John Bradshaw as the only man then living who knew of his father performed the "four of service" in the campaign that ended the war. John Bradshaw was found

in or near Hendersville, presentment citizen, and living in among the maple trees & hickory on the road the day William Sharp's declaration was filed to write publish John Bradshaw's declaration in a court house. Wm. Sharp says he was drafted for the war ship to Point Pleasant in the company under Captain Andrew Beckley. This Captain Beckley was a considerable of a figure in the frontier fighting for a generation Cousin George Washington Arnold, of Oklahoma City, has promised to write us about the Beckleys.

I am well informed why Mr. Sharp was sent as a courier through the wilderness for several hundred miles to Fort Pitt with messages from Colonel Andrew Lewis to General Patterson. He had been with Captain Charles Lewis on the expedition to the Indian country ten years before. This connection showed the confidence in his integrity and his ability as a frontiersman.

Attention is called to the fact that Mr. Sharp says the place he lived in 1774 was in West Virginia, but as the stock his declaration was made in then in Pocahontas County. We all know the extent in which General Washington held the people of this region for he said "When we but a knife to take upon the mountains of West Virginia and I will rally round me an army that will fit my like the country from the east."

If any body knows the last resting place of Captain William Sharp, I would like to send the word. In May, 1863, I and others will take the necessary steps to have the Federal government mark it with a suitable stone. I would just naturally suppose his house was either in the old cemetery near the Hendersville Presbyterian church or in the McLaughlin burying ground on Howard Hollow a place, but I do not know.

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Thus, their west boundary  
was changed from the  
crest of the ridge Albany  
to Park Ridge, forty  
miles southward, and  
Pendleton lost half its  
territory. The new valley  
was to be called the  
western third. The original  
name was allowed to change  
however at the suggestion of  
the Legislature of West Virginia  
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See other  
figs. for  
more info.

## CIVIL WAR STORIES OF SLATYFORK

Pocahontas County was on the border between the North and the South and the Beverly-Hinton-Slatyfork-Marlinton-Gintersville turnpike seemed to be important to both sides. General Lee's men were camped at Linwood one winter 1861<sup>42</sup> and he was with them part of the time. One evening he tied his horse "Traveler" to a post and with two guards standing outside the door of the still-standing log house ate supper cooked in cast iron kettles still in the house. Another time, late one afternoon, the Confederates camped across the creek and each soldier took a rail from the meadow fence--stripping every rail--to burn all night. They found apples buried. The captain told them to pay Mrs. William Sharp for them.

Uncle Hugh Sharp told us of the two Confederates ambushed on the turnpike on the hill. The snow was deep and he and his father, William, was getting in wood when several shot were fired. A southern dispatch rider came galloping along with two riderless saddled horses following. He yelled to William that his two buddies had been ambushed and ask them to go see about them. With the snow sled and horse they found one dead and the other wounded. They sledded them to the house and put the dead one in the corn crib and the other one, about 20, was put at the fireplace where <sup>he</sup> talked of his parents back in Georgia and died at midnight. The next day they were buried <sup>him</sup> near the present cemetery.

L. D. Sharp told us stories he heard of the retreat of the Confederates from Linwood. Their taste a munitions wagon loaded with lead minnie balls broke a wheel in the creek and was left. His father, Silas, and Uncle Hugh went up there on trips to bring back lead on their horses. They melted the balls for their own guns in latter years.

At the start of the Civil War the issues were not clear so the Sharps and John ~~and~~ Gibson father of Joe and Sam Gibson decided not to take sides but found out that this was impossible. These men camped out part of the time on Middle Mountain at the "Pine Knob" under a rock cliff. They decided to get together for an Easter breakfast. Mrs. Gibson came down to the Sharps to see her husband. While they were eating Easter breakfast, one of the boys ran in and said the Rebels were coming. Little Luther, age 16, ran up the hill and was shot by Jake Simons. About a dozen shot at John Gibson. Two men whose guns were empty ran after him. At the top of the hill he pulled out a "pepper box" pistol and said "Concester, I'll kill you". They skidded into reverse and Gibson escaped. While Gibson was running across the meadow, one soldier reloaded and laid his gun across a wood pile or six and Mrs. Gibson cracked his head with a piece of wood. Grandfather Silas jumped into a fence-rail fence post. A soldier jumped over the nest and was reloading.

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run with a revolver when Si hit him over the head with a beet jack. Si ran around the house and faced Jake Simmons who had just shot Luther. He surrendered later in the day while marching Silas along the road they captured Bill Hannah. The other man had a very small hand and when they were handcuffed together for the walk south, he shoved Silas so he could get the handcuff off. A few days later when the soldier on horseback taking them south had to stop for a "call of nature" and set his gun against a tree a few feet from where he was "sitting", Silas asked him to take the handcuff off and he'd make a run for the gun, but the other man was afraid. Silas was taken to Richmond and then to Salisbury, N. C. where he spent 23 months and 24 days in prison where thousands starved to death. They ate rats, cat and dogs at times to survive. In the 1920's "LD", son of Silas, stopped in at Salisbury and asked an old man with a long white beard where the prison was. He told "LD" that all the prisoners starved to death--to the last man. "LD" tried to convince the man that his father lived through it, but the old man told him that he couldn't have!

The captain in charge of <sup>RICHMOND'S</sup> Libby prison was cruel even to his own men, who finally killed him. He issued an order that any prisoner that stuck his head or arm out the window would have it shot off. The guards under him had a plan. One of the guards would fire a gun outside, which he did. The captain ran and stuck his head out the window and they shot his head off--complying with his order! Si told many times of the rejoicing of the prisoners when the captain was shot.

Silas had two brothers, <sup>SOOTH</sup> Henry and <sup>NORTH</sup> Berhard, killed in action. "L. D." thought one joined the North and the other the South. It was thought that Henry, killed at the Robert Gibson place had joined the South and was killed on purpose by his own men because he may have been a spy for the North--which he might have been--! They reported that it was an accident, when his men shot him while he was on picket duty at night there on the road.

Uncle Hugh Sharp was a bee-hunter sportsman. He would find a bee-tree and carve his initials on the tree, rarely cutting a tree for the honey. He told the family ~~him~~ after the war that he planned to go "bee hunting" over the mountain and kill Jake Simmons for killing his little brother Luther, but he never made the move.

"L.D." has told us many times that his parent's family really didn't know clearly the issues and didn't know which side to join. That's the reason Silas Sharp, John Gibson and others didn't join either side and camped part of the time under a cliff at the "Pine Knob" called "Sharp's Knob" just behind the Middle Mountain meadow.

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When Silas returned from sleeping on hard floors in prison he couldn't at first sleep in a bed. He was so skinny after his long walk from the south that Sarah, his future wife, didn't know him when he came by her house.

After the war William brought a civil suit against a Captain Marshal and others, and we understand collected \$500 for illegally taking his son, Si, a civilian, and sending him to prison.

Apparently there were some Southerners at Ning as there is a very old and beautiful statue of Robert E. Lee behind an iron fence at Ning Flats.

I have on file more details of the Mannahs, Gibsons, Sharps and events of the Civil War at Slatyfork.

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# Huntersville Target For Federal Army Raid

The big campaign in the Albermarle as quickly as possible. One of the men later confessed that he ran that day only because he could not fly.

The battle of Martins Bottom, Greenbrier Bridge, or by whatever of the half-dozen names it has been called, was at last well fought out, but gallantly blood

of 1861 when it was the head-quarters of General W. W. Averill who commanded the Army of the Northwest U.S.A. Located at the bridge end of the covered

It had been agreed, with his troops at Lee's Wilder's press conference, to re-enforce Stonewall Jackson's army at Harrison's Cross Roads in the Shenandoah Valley now Federal troops were concentrated there only military importance was about to diminish from the town as a supply center for the Confederacy.

center for the Confederate troops operating in that area and also in the tilt that it was connected with the S<sup>t</sup> rgs by a fairly good approach. This one may be called the "Pickett's Mill" of the Civil War.

This way could be used as a gateway for Union Troops to Vicksburg east of the mountains but as it was being used by the Confederates for the troops and supplies.

so transportation of supplies and the halting of his force moved up to make a frontal attack. Fighting became general all along the line, remaining

The Union high command at Hunterville determined to destroy the center, though no Federal troops had penetrated that far north, the Confederates held a commanding position, remarkable only for its size but where the Confederates crossed the stream, most of them fell back to the ridge, horses and men mired and re-treated to the south.

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George Webster 25th Ohio in same tactics as at the first stand; two companies of the 27th Ohio were sent to the right at the base of a hill to turn the Confederate left while Major Quisenberry

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Major Wender said in his official report that on entering the town "we found the place deserted, the houses broken open, and goods scattered, the cause of which was soon stated by a returned citizen. The rebel commander (who is not identified in any report) had ordered the citizens to remove all their valuable property as he intended, if beaten, to burn the town." The retreating Confederates did set fire to a large number of commissary stores before taking their hasty departure.

Webster's attacking force at Huntersville was about 600 men - the wagon and baggage guards and some stragglers accounted for the men missing out of the original "30 - 40" exaggerated Confederate reports said that he had 2,000 to 5,000 men. No exact figures are given for the number of 102 miles in a little less than six days penetrated the enemy's country thirty miles further than any body of Federal troops had gone before and returned with all men, horses and wagons intact and with only Private Oliver P. Henshee, 2dth Ohio Infantry, nursing a wound in his arm.

At the time Major Webster's foray was counted one of the most successful raids, for it did more than scatter county militia at Marlins Bottom and rout a small force at Huntersville — the raid threw a tremendous scare in the Confederate command. Pecahontas historian Andrew Price said it "made their lines quiver from Huntersville to Winchester, and from Camp Allegheny to Staunton. Scouts rode headlong in every direction carrying 's' patches. They seemed to have agreed on the strength of the Federal army as being 5,000 men instead of the 738 that it actually was."

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We began as part of Orange County, Virginia. When Orange was divided in the fall session of the Virginia Legislature in 1738, it was split into Frederick and Augusta. Augusta became that part extending 240 miles along the crest of the Blue Ridge Mountain (running North and South) and then West to the Mississippi. Augusta has been called the mother of Counties. Out of Augusta was carved four states, a considerable portion of Virginia, as she now is, and thirty-three counties southeast of the Ohio River, beginning with Botetourt in 1789.

Rockingham was carved from Augusta in 1778. In 1787 the German settlement north of "The Divide," that part of Rockingham west of the Shenandoah mountains, plus slices from Hardy and old Augusta was made the county of Pendleton. Scarcely two years later Bath was stricken off from Augusta and parts of Botetourt and Greenbrier. It took in that section west of the Shenandoah range and as far north as "The Divide," the whole upper James River Basin.

of land southward a varying distance of four to twelve miles for no apparent reason. In that year also both Bath and Pendleton were enlarged by being made to take in the Upper Greenbrier Valley. Thus, their west borders were changed from the crest of the main Alleghany to Back Alleghany. This enlargement of Pendleton and Bath in the Upper Greenbrier Valley was by petition of the settlers there. The orphans were allowed to choose. Settlers of Traveller's Repose went with Pendleton. In 1821 Pocahontas was being formed so the remote section of Bath and Pendleton became a part of the new county. Bath at the same time was diminished in size to the south by the lopping off of Alleghany County. It was intended by the Virginia Legislature that the western county be called Alleghany and the eastern county, Pocahontas. They were accidentally changed by the engrossing clerk. They would have been much more appropriate had they been named as intended.

Much later, in 1847, after the Staunton to Parkersburg turnpike was built through "the Divide," our neighboring county of Highland was created from the southern part of Pendleton and the northern part of Bath. At last, a meld of the Germans north of "The Divide" and the Scotch-Irish, south of it.

So, it would have been quite possible for a child to have been born to an early settler of Traveller's Repose in Augusta County in 1780, spend his childhood in Augusta, grow to adulthood in Bath, be married in Pendleton, and die in Pocahontas and never leave his own house.

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When LD became about 19 he went to see the girls, going in a buggy or horseback. Either at a party or a dance (square) Nelly Slanker jumped on his lap and embarrassed him by sitting on his lap, so he said. He must have been about 17 when he planned to go up to see some girl living near his carried sister Ella. Dad(LD) mother suspected he was going to see her and sent a note along with him to his Sister, telling her to try to prevent it--for some reason. Ella lived about 4 miles up Elk River.

Dad met Laura Morgan, who lived with her parents, Rev. Sam Morgan, at the Elkhorn parsonage. He went by horse or buggy to see her. He had her soon talked out of teaching school to marry him. When Rev. Morgan died, Laura's mother Edith married Mr. Hitchcock Wm. IRVING

Dad had seven children: Ada, Violet, Ivan, Creola, Silas, Paul, and Dave, Jr. Ada married John Johnson in Baltimore. Ada studied Elizabeton and performed in New York city, and knew a famous stage actress and exchanged letters for many years. Violet married Rufus Markland of Richmond, Va., and had one child, Rufus, Jr. Violet and Rufus came to Pocahontas County to get married. Dad had heard his last name but had never seen him before. When he started to introduce him in Marlinton to someone, he had to ask him his name. Dad laughed about that many times. Even didn't appear to be much interested in girls when he was a teenager, but did go up Wk to see a Hannah girl. Then Ivan went up to Arbovale to a music school one summer and met Genevieve Ondorf. He immediately fell "head over heels" in love with her. He drove up there everytime he could get away. One time he put chains on both front and rear wheels of his Star car in order to get through the deep snow to see her. They had three children, Ralph, Ramona and Evan. Ramona majored in music, taught school and married Tom Shipley. Ralph married Regena. Evan married Phyllis in Va. He was fatally killed in a hunting accident at about age 30 Nov. 17, 1975

Creola died age 18 with a blood condition.

Silas Sharp still lives at the old homestead at Slatyfork. Paul Sharp Married Vonda Lowe of Buckhannon, and they had two children, Thayer and Barbara. After Vonda died, Paul Married Ruthie Mitchell of Port Neches Texas.

Dave Married Sylvia Friel of Marlinton, W. Va. July 11, 1940, and adopted a daughter Linda, in 1962, and live in Cincinnati, Ohio LINDA MURRAY HENRY FRIEL, May 24, 1988

Ada's husband died. Her son Donald and Helen Johnson came to live with Dad and both went to school till on their own at Slatyfork. Ada remarried Wm Gartain and they had 3 children, Clara, Bill and Stanley. Should leave a portion of paper.

When Dad got married, he built his house on to the same house he was born in, both houses sharing the same fireplace. The old house was taken down about 1940 and lumber from it was used to build an apartment on the back of the warehouse of the "new" store on Route #719, for Dave and Sylvia to live in while they ran the store. The old house that Dad built is still standing with the chimney, but the kitchen has decayed. The old apple orchard that must have been there when Dad's father lived there is still standing. Dad did some grafting of apple trees on the farm. Some of the very old apple trees are Pippin, Fallowwater, Red Astron, (and later a Richmond.) and Red Ben Davis, a hardy up to, but not much for flavor. found in one of the Boys' Books

A story Dad told many times. His grandmother took the seeds from an apple and planted the seeds. She planted 7 seeds, but only 3 grew. She had 6 ~~children~~ boys. During the Civil War 3 boys died, and 2 boys lived.

1 girl  
7 children

graciously to be by OMEN D. HORN

**ROCKVILLE, VA., SCHOOL**

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It made a dove killing job.

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I understand the original of the Clatyfork Sharrow was William Sharp who lived at Huntersville. William lived at Clatyfork in a house (probably log) at the edge of the meadow next to the big spring of water close by the route 219 bridge that crosses Big Spring Creek. Apparently he moved, later on, a 1/4 mile up the creek to a log house still standing. At the large 12-room house never being used.

lived in a house in a field below the Middle Mountain Meadow. Don't know where he was buried. Harmon Sharp lived in a log house at Shadyfork (Laurel Bank) where Big Spring and Elk River converge. The point on Gauley Mountain is known as E Sharp's Knob, perhaps known named after Harmon - C. L. Gaskins

Luther Sharp was a 16 year old boy, who started to run up the path above where the railroad track now is, when JAKE SIMMENS of Bath County, Virginia, of the Confederate army shot him at a great distance, thinking he was of military age. He don't know where he was buried. Probably an unmarked grave in the Sharp Cemetery? Another son w.

Another Son Was Hugh Sharp, who lived all his life in either the original house near the spring or the one near the large existing house. He lived there at least after his childhood.

Uncle Harry for killing his brother, Luther. Uncle Hugh's sport was to take a small glass bee-trap to catch a bee on a flower and by letting the bee feed on honey in the trap and turning it loose to come back, and repeating it many times till he could see which direction the bees went and he could find the bee trees. He had all the bees he needed, instead of cutting all the bee trees, he'd carve his initials on the tree signifying to others that that was his tree.--mostly sport for him.

Uncle Hugh loved his bees. When he gave Dad (LD) his part of the original farm to keep him the rest of his life, Dad built the 17 room house with timber sold from the land. Uncle Hugh would not let them remove the bees from around the old house when the new house was being built. The carpenters used to fight bees during the building. One man jumped off the second floor roof when a bee got to him. After the house was finished, Uncle Hugh lived there, with a hired hand and a cook, Mrs. Showalter that Dad provided for him. Every day at noon after eating, Uncle Hugh would go out and walk around each hive of bees to enjoy the sight. (He always worked with the bees without a bee-vail on, and claimed he never ever got stung.) The hired man, Taylor Ramsey, decided to play a trick on him, so he got a patented snake (imitation snake), and put it at the mouth of a hive, appearing to be eating the bees. Mrs. Showalter and the man was looking out the door or window to see the fun and laugh at him when he found out it was a trick. Uncle Hugh made his rounds of the hives, when he saw the snake. He stepped back and got a long stick and slipped up on the snake with the stick raised above his head, when he realized it was a trick. He did some quick thinking to keep them from having the joke on him. He turned around, opened his fly and facing the house wee-weed on the ground! They didn't tease him about it; *he said*

Some of the Sharp boys joined the North and others the South. One of them, <sup>Henry</sup> with the <sup>of Ross</sup> <sup>Leary play</sup> <sup>Henry</sup>, was on picket duty not too far from the Slavyfork Area, when he was shot by his own men, who said they made a mistake thinking he was from the other side (at night). Someone said they were suspicious he <sup>was</sup> working for the other side and they deliberately shot him. And of course he may have been!!!! The only other son I know the name of was <sup>as</sup> Henry Luther.

time the boys lived in the log house with their father and mother (next to what is now the 17 room house). Some of the boys joined the North and others joined the South. And perhaps two or three, not convinced which side to join, didn't join either, and technically wasn't on either side. Silas, and a brother or two and perhaps a couple other men under the same circumstances who chose not to join either side, being afraid either side would capture them lived under a cliff of rock at the "mine knot" just on the other side of Middle Mountain Meadow. They stayed there when there was a need for movement in the valley.

when necessary. Silas and a man <sup>SILAS AND HIS TEAM</sup> in his party, (Sam Gibson's father) was captured by the Confederates. Silas ran down below the house and hid in a goose's nest. A soldier fired his rifle and was standing a few feet away using a ramrod to reload. Silas picked up a boot-jack and hit him in the head, stunning him, but they captured him. <sup>The Army had orders to kill all rebels.</sup> Another man there tried to run away, up toward the cemetery. The Captain gave orders for two soldiers to catch him. Throw down their guns and chased him up the hill.

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When he got almost up to the top of the hill he was out of breath, and stopped, turned around, pulled out a "Pepper Box" pistol (that Dad said might not kill anyone) and said "Gangster, I'll kill you". They turned around and fled, leaving him free. This may have been KKK. Sam Gibon's father <sup>John</sup>? If so, he wasn't captured. Silas and the other man was handcuffed and a confederate soldier on horse was assigned to walk them south to Salisbury, N. C. to prison. They walked many days. The two men said they were not in the northern army, but the army took them as prisoners anyway. One day on the trip south, the soldier on the horse had a "call of nature". He got off his horse set his gun against a tree, unfastened his suspenders. The man with Silas had a very small wrist, and showed Silas once before that he could take his handcuff off the was holding one man's left arm and the others right arm together. Silas begged him to take his handcuff off so he'd be free to grab the gun and free themselves. But the man was afraid not to take it off. So they went on to prison. <sup>2</sup> Dad has told us many times the years and months and days (about 3 years) he was in prison. <sup>(2)</sup> years, <sup>23</sup> months and <sup>24</sup> days <sup>(including 60 days of being a fugitive)</sup>

Silas was in the prison in Salisbury for <sup>about</sup> two years or more before being transferred to Richmond. While in Salisbury, most of the men died of disease or starved. Silas made (with his knife) pieces of "jewelry" and had a black woman who came in the camp prison to clean up, to take out and sell for him and bring food to him, which may have saved his life. The men ate rats and dogs when they could get any. A captain came through the prison one day. Some men threw a blanket over the dog ~~and~~ that followed him, and killed it. They cooked it to eat. Silas took one bite but couldn't swallow it. He carved his initials or name on the stone walls of the prison. He went to Richmond to stay until he was exchanged later in an exchange with the north of prisoners. He was given a written pass to walk through lines to his home from Richmond. Silas had, ~~had~~, married <sup>before</sup> his capture to Sarah Fannan who's father lived, I think in a log house next to Page Fannan's house and near Archie Gibson's house. The house was still standing in about 1935. Si Sharp, my brother, thinks the Hannahs lived in a house above the road above Frank Fannan's (Sam Fannan's). There was a house there that a Hannah lived in and they may have lived there first and moved down to the other house after that one may have burned.

When Silas got back home from prison, he went to bed ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~, but tossed and turned and couldn't sleep on the feather bed. He had to get out on the hard floor and sleep like he did in prison - for a while.

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<sup>RACHEL</sup> Silas's father, William married ~~Sarah~~ Dilly from I believe about Campbelltown. <sup>Rachel</sup> ~~Sarah~~ was of German descent (maybe from Germany?) and spoke German. Dad picked up a few words from her, but could not carry on a conversation in it. At the St. Louis Fair at about the turn of the century, Dad and Bob Gibson, his brotherinlaw, went to the fair by themselves by train. Each country had booths selling their merchandise. Dad went up to a German booth that had German girls selling. Dad only knew one word, meaning "pretty girl". He said it to them, but when they responded in rapid German, he was embarrassed and turned heel and hurried away!

Apparently families had special pliers to pull teeth. Silas (grandfather) asked Dad to pull a tooth (maybe his last?). Dad was all excited, thinking he might fail or break it off. It was a successful pull.

Grandfather, Silas became sick, perhaps suddenly, complaining of his stomach. He died soon. Dad thought it may have been appendicitis, or cancer.

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Grandfather Silas was in prison in Salisbury, N. C. So Dad (ID) on a trip to Florida about 1938 decided to stop in the city to see the prison that his father was in. Dad stopped in town and got out of the tank car and saw a very old man sitting on a bench. Dad went to him and told him that his father had been in prison there and that he wanted to see the prison, and could he tell him where to see it. The man said "Old Dad" your dad didn't live through it. They all died. Everyone of them starved to death. Not a one lived." Dad told him again that his father lived through it, saying "I'm here, so my father must have lived". But he couldn't convince him that his father lived. The old man must have been a boy at the time of the war, or maybe he had been a soldier. Dad didn't see the prison.

During the war, General Lee's army was camped up at Linwood, and had a hospital on a little flat just below the 216 road, about half way up the mountain. Lee came by the Sharp's house about supper time and was invited in to eat. Uncle Hugh told many times of General Lee's white horse Traveler being tied up beside the house. Two guards were stationed outside the door on the porch. The log house, covered with clapboard, still stands, with the old stone chimney. Uncle Hugh was there, but was too young, or they ignored him because he didn't belong to the North's army.

One late afternoon, the Confederate army came there and camped across the creek in the meadow. They set up their tents and needed fire wood to keep warm and cook. Each man went to the rail fence and brought ones to build a fire or fires. Every rail was taken. The soldiers found apples that were buried under dirt to keep from freezing. When the captain found out they took the apples, he ordered them to go pay the Sharp's for the apples.

Feb 1762

Confederate soldiers camped up at Linwood one winter. It was a hard cold winter and the Sharp's heard that half the soldiers died of disease, but they were buried secretly. No one ever found half graves. Some thought they might have dropped them down some vertical caves in the area.

It seems the Confederates hurriedly retreated from up there when they heard of a Yankee army coming from Huttonsville. They loaded up their wagons and came down Big Spring Creek and then on toward Marlinton. One wagon loaded with lead musket balls broke an axle where the road crossed the creek at Linwood. They just left the lead there. Dad said his father went up there (~~the lead or wagon~~) and brought perhaps a 100 lbs of lead to melt down for his gun for bullets. — all story slender

Uncle Hugh told about a Southern soldier being ambushed up along the old road, and wounded. I think another soldier was killed outright. Uncle Hugh and others took a sled up there and hauled him down to the house and made him a bed in front of the fireplace. He was mortally wounded and he knew it. He told the Sharp's about his family in the South before dying that night. I don't know if any messages were sent south, or even if those there could write!!! I'm sure Sarah (Silas' wife) could write, but

after the war, Uncle Hugh thought it would be interesting to make a cannon and shoot it. He fashioned a cannon out of a hollow log. Made up a round wooden ball. The story as I remember, he fired it and it blew up but the ball went through a wall of one of the houses.

In a letter of Silas to me: "Three of Uncle Hugh's brothers were killed in the war. One was "Little Luther", age 16 and one was Leonard. I can't know the name of the other one, (Henry). Uncle Hugh and Uncle Herman who lived at Slatyfork--he later moved just out of Linwood. There was one 12 year old girl (Mary) died of Diphtheria. Uncle Hugh had Diphtheria too. Dr. told him to smoke a pipe." Ella

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## The Slatyfork Sharp's The Sharp Family

Had ... and then

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When Dad (LDS) was a boy of about 7, a black man ~~writing~~ working on a saw mill or something took a liking to Dad, and with a knife whittled Dad his first and only toy or his life, out of a piece of wood. I think it may have been a figure of a boy.

One summer when Dad was perhaps about 12, he begged his father to let him ride with some wagons from the area going over to Millboro, Va to get supplies. There must have been 3 or 4 wagons and the men. One night after crossing into Virginia, they camped on some high ground overlooking a very small cluster ~~is~~ of houses, that blacks lived in, or so they told him. They decided to have some fun, Dad told me, at his expense. They told him that these black girls liked to sleep with a white boy, and that they would come up at night when a person is asleep and go to bed with him. He didn't believe them. So they told him to look at his penis the next morning. That night when he was asleep, they unbuckled his pants, and rubbed charcoal from the fire on him. He said the next morning when he got up awake the first thing he did was look, and he was as black as he could be! HIS UNCLE HARMON WAS ON THE TRIP

Harm  
Sharp  
was one  
of them

When Dad was about 15, I'd guess, he and his father went on two horses up to Linwood where there was a store. It was apparently an all day job--go there buy some supplies and leave a while before coming back home. They had some cider, which Dad said was boiled two barrels into one, and it had a kick to it that he didn't know it had. He drank a few drinks and then he and 3 or 4 boys there went down to the nearby creek in a patch of elderberry bushes where they were playing. One was whittling with a knife and accidentally cut one of the boys just a little. Dad said it seemed funny to him because he was drunk (and maybe didn't know it), but he was so lightheaded he could hardly get back in the store. His dad was ready to leave ~~for~~ home, and said to Dad "would you like to have a glass of cider before we go home?" Dad said he didn't think he did, knowing he was already drunk. He didn't think he was ever going to get on that horse without his dad finding out he was drunk. He made it home ok. He said that was his first and last time getting drunk. All his life he never drank any beer or whiskey. He did smoke when he was about 20 but quit after perhaps 2 or 3 years.

Find ... and other

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Slatyfork, W. Va.

(MD)

Dad was both a farmer and a merchant. He ran a store on the old road "over the hill" near the old house, which he built perhaps about 1900, along with farming. The product sold from the farm was wool, sheep, and cows.

Dad's store was about the only one in the area, later on the W. Va. Pulp & Paper Co. had a store for their employees at Slatyfork. He bought furs, chickens and wool from farmers and shipped to Baltimore etc. He would buy up turkeys from farmers, pack them in barrels and haul them to Marlinton in wagons and put on a train to go to Baltimore where food brokers sold them. Usually he made out ok. That's a long way for turkeys to go unrefrigerated! One batch he sent, maybe his last, the broker sent him a small check saying he couldn't sell the turkeys all over town trying to sell them. He sold a few, but most of them stunk so bad no body would buy them I am.

Farmers would kill pheasants (prouse) and he would pack them in small barrels and sent to Baltimore. Another thing he bought all his life was ginseng.

Dad was, I believe, the first to have a telephone. He was also the first around there to have a car, after telephone had been in.

One time some one on at the head of Elk rang a distress signal and everyone picked up their phones to see what it was about. Someone announced that a horse and buggy had run off and was headed down toward Slatyfork. People all along the road went out on the road to stop the horse and buggy only to find that it was one of those new fangled horseless carriages. Joke!

When a few cars got in the area, Dad ordered gasoline in barrels. They were hauled from Marlinton, and a hand pump was placed down in the hole after the cap was unscrewed. He later had, I believe a small tank put in with a hand pump to pump it into a car. I don't remember how the amount was measured.

Dad got a Studebaker sometime about 1916 or 1920's he or Ivan broke the axle housing on the rear end on near Hill Gibson in a mud hole. Ivan made a wooden sled and took a team of horses up there, fit the sled under that one side, and pulled the car back home. He ordered a new housing. It cost what dad thought was too much -- perhaps \$150 when he car may have only cost \$800--?

As he bought the car, he sent Ivan to Marlinton for I think a couple days to learn how to start, run, and do minor repairs to the Studebaker. In the winter time, the car was jacked up off the tires.

About 1928 (?) the new highway came through, bypassing the store location on the old road. So Dad had a man A. L. in Marlinton to build a new store building where it is still in existence. Four new hand operated gasoline pumps with 10 gallon glass tanks at the top were installed. Dad had Standard Oil at two pumps, and Ivan had two pumps of Amoco. It was big move moving furniture etc over to the new place by wagon. Dad borrowed money from the Farmers & Merchants Bank to build the store. He also borrowed about \$300 from his friend Sam Gibson. It was a struggle during the depression to not go broke, but finally after keeping some of us in school and college, he finished up the debt with some sale of timber. Ivan sold auto supplies in one corner of the store. The store had 32 volt lights, ran from a Delco generator. The house already had 110 volt electricity. Then about 1936 or 1938 (?) WestFarm came through with 110 volts. Tourists began coming through so marlinton saloon was reasonably good. Dad decided some "Tourists Camps" should be built, so old Camp 18 that the W. Va. Pulp & Paper Co. left when they were finished, was torn down and used to make the camps. They perhaps more than Henry Gibson lived in one, poor man in another. Others were... The only one in existence now is the one Henry Shaver lived in, and his wife Lorraine still lives there.

Slatyfork Sharp's records

From the William Sharp's Bible Record.  
Published by Harmonia Dilley, Parkersburg, W. Va.

Copied from record pages between o New and Old Testaments.  
Xerox copied into--copied from: All Bible given to Rachael  
Dilley by her Father Martin Dilley on her Wedding Day.

Martin Dilley born Dec 27, 1779. Died 12-26-1851, age 71, 11 mo, 29 da;  
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Rachael Dilley born October 1815

William Sharp and Rachael Dilley married Sept 20 1839  
(another date also entered at another place, but the ink is  
smudged and two year looks like 1832, which must be incorrect  
as the children's births started a year after 1838).

William Sharp's children:

1. Martin B. (Bernard) Sharp born June 14, 1839
2. Jacob Henry (Henry) Sharp born Aug 17, 1840
3. Silas Sharp born Mar. 2, 1842
4. William Luther Sharp born Dec 17, 1843  
(The family know him as Luther in his youth--perhaps to  
distinguish between him and his father, William.  
So he was the 4th William Sharp in line.) William IV.
5. Hugh Calvin Sharp born X-1846 7-10-1846
6. Mary Eleanor Sharp born Feb 11, 1849  
(She died with diphtheria during the Civil War--or before the  
war. A family tradition is she was about 12 years old. She was  
buried to the left of the road on the rise just below the  
Sharp's Slatyfork store)
7. Harmon B. Sharp born 10-2-1850  
(He moved to near Elkins, died there and buried near there.)  
(Died with cancer --of throat (?) )

Luther Sharp above: Family tradition has been that Luther was about  
age 16 when he was shot. Date of birth and the dates of the first  
year or two of the Civil War indicate that he may have been perhaps  
about age 17.

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Davis Sharp  
(7-14-82)



*From Bill of William G. Morgan*

*From Bill of William G. Morgan 180*

FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS

Samuel G. Morgan was  
born July 8th 1847.

Edith H. Morgan was  
born Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 1855.

Laura J. Morgan was  
born March 31<sup>st</sup> 1874.

William G. Morgan was  
born March 15<sup>th</sup> 1876.

Sarah V. Morgan was  
born Feb 15 1878.

Edgar R. Morgan was  
born April 18<sup>th</sup> 1882.

Lena Florence Morgan  
was born Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 1896

BIRTH

FAMILY RECORD

MARRIAGES

Jessie Edith Morgan  
was born August 13th 1895  
Georgia L. Virginia Morgan  
was born Sept 2 1900

Laura Rachel Morgan  
was born Oct 14th 1903  
Samuel Marvin Morgan  
was born April 23rd 1905

James Otis Morgan  
was born Jan 12 1908

Jan 12 1908

Samuel G. Morgan  
and Edith M. Ramsey  
was married Dec 21 1892

Laura G. Morgan & Luther L. Shirk  
was married February 16th 1912

William C. Morgan and  
Adrienne F. Halligan  
were married Feb 18 1912

James Otis Morgan  
was born Jan 12 1908

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Dad: ....Sheep dip killed 5 sheep. Dave, I'll give you a jar of syrup to take back with you--and a sugar cake. ...I'm sending 6 to Pauls. Thayer ~~is~~ gave to sweetheart and Barbara treated her teacher. ...152 quarts of syrup....

(Civil War through Slatyfork) ....they'd go through and rob neighbors. My father was in prison 23 months and 24 days. They starved them to death and hauled them out of the prison by the wagon loads. Going to Fla I stopped in Salisbury, N. C. and there was an old grey headed man. I told him my father was a prisoner there. He said "they all died, either starved or poisoned." Father said the meat was covered with worms. They made brothe. He shut his eyes and swallowed it.. The dead were buried in trenches. A dog followed a captain through the prisons. The men threw a blanket over it and killed it and ate, some ate rats. The skinned a cat. Father couldn't eat the cat. My grandfather (William) got him exchanged for rebels. He had exchange papers and started home. At a small gathering of southerners, he said "where are you going?" He said "none of your business." They said: If we gain the war we won't let you live with us" Si said: I'll give you to understand I won't live with you. They started after him and he ran. He was too weak to run. They didn't follow him further. He walked all the way home to Slatyfork. If old man Bill Hannah had done one thing. Two men left over them in charge of the two. They got off their horses to a call of nature. "My father reached over and took one of the man's guns and pointed to Bill Hannah to take the other man's gun. He couldn't get him to take the gun. They never thought of killing those fellows (rebels) but we could have killed them and had nothing to worry about--he said. They could have gotten away. (Dad told us one time, as I recall, that Bill had a very small wrist and could get the hand cuff off his wrist that held the two together. Bill showed Silas once that he could take it off. And that Silas wanted Bill to take the hand cuff off so they could grab the guns to threaten so they could get away. Dad may have been mistaken at ~~in~~ for a moment about them putting their hands on the guns---?? -Dave)

Jake Simmons killed Luther. The Confederate army went through past the house. Jake was behind and shot Luther going up the hill. That's the same time they captured my father. My grandmother said "look there's a regiment of soldiers and he ran down and jumped over a fence and sat down in a goose nest covered with boards. About a 100 of them shot at ~~in~~ John Gibson (Uncle Sam's father) and this fellow who had a muzzle loading gun shot at John, and he set his gun down almost between my father's legs, to load it. He waited, till he poured the powder in and went to get the bullet in and he said he knocked the man and gun over and jumped back over the fence and ran back into the same old Jake Simmons that killed his brother, Luther age 16. Jake put a gun on him. He looked for a rock to throw at Jake but couldn't find one. The men emptied their guns at John Gibson. Two threw their guns down and ran to the top of graveyard hill and was about to catch John, ~~in~~ a powerful man--Sam Gibson's father. He had a pepper box pistol that I reckon wouldn't kill you. and they ran back down the hill and he got away, ha, ha. He pulled the pistol out and said "dangester, I'll kill you". There was ~~times~~ twice he (John) almost got captured. He went home and later on, a bunch of rebel soldiers went in there to John Gibson's place and his wife said to him "look out there the rebel soldiers are coming down here to the house" He broke to run and ran over the hill and the soldiers fired at him and missed again and one rebel laid his gun across a post and got a rest and would have killed him but his wife took a boot-jack and knocked him crazy, and he got away. Later on during the war ~~in~~ he took pneumonia and died. With all the getting by in the war, ~~in~~ pneumonia got him after all.

REEL #1 June 1, 1949 Tapes of L. D. Sharp

Civil war stories, Old Mill etc.  
 (Story about the two soldiers killed in ambush up on the old road:  
 Dad: They brought the soldier (that was still living) in and he died at the house (the same log house still standing). There are two of them buried up at the top of the hill at the school house. Just dug a hole. They were riding along the road and the rebels (I think Dad's memory got it mixed--they were Yankees that shot them) waylaid them and shot two off horses. They were one or two that got away. Maybe one of them was Walt Allen. (Walt Allen was a Yankee from over about Randolph county, I think--Dave) Uncle Hugh (a young man) thought so much about one of the men that was shot and lived a while. If they had had doctors like today, he may have ~~have~~ been saved. (Another account of this story is elsewhere in this history of the Sharps--Hugh and his father William was cutting wood and heard the shots and a southerner on a horse running told them to go look after the men shot. They took a sled up and got them. They put the dead one in the cornerib and took the other in by the fire.) I don't know where the graves were, but one time I was plowing there in the school house lot and a horse's foot fall down through the grave. I hated it awful bad.

Dad: Henry Sharp, an uncle, joined the rebel army, or be taken prisoner. So he joined the rebel army. One joined the yankees and one the rebels. Dave: Was the Henry Sharp meadow named after Him? Dad: No, that was another Henry Sharp. Henry (uncle) was killed. A picket shot him (at Bob Gibson place) They were suspicious that he was a yankee, it was thought. But he was in the rebel army and was on picket duty and a fellow shot him and let on like they shot him by mistake. The other one was in the Yankee army and was killed. I lost three uncles and the only girl 12 years old <sup>very</sup> of diphtheria and she is burried down there on the left side of the road ~~about~~ --about top of the hill Uncle Hugh knew where it was. I said there ought to be a monument. He said: "it's been so long ago it isn't necessary" It's there i side the fence near the road (near the sheep barn.) That's what the war cost my family. The war spread diphtheria. One of her boys, Henry Sharp when he was killed had an apple in his pocket and she planted the 7 seeds of the apple (grandmother Sharp) out here (near the beehouse) and only three oft of the 7 threw. She gave Uncle Harmon Sharp one and it was planted down there at the McCjitchin Place and gave Silas one and it was right below the old house over there (old home place) and Uncle Hughs was out here in this garden, and they all had the same kind of fall apple. --a good cooking apple. But she thought that represented that when the war was over she'd only have 3 children left. Four of them died. We cut the one down over the hill because it was where we wanted to build the warerrom, I think. It was 40 years old, I reckon. The one here an Uncle Hugh's was near the warerrom.

Tramp Dad: I saw that tramp going by today at the schoolhouse. He was swinging his arm as hard as he could swing it, and the other arm was like a dead arm. I hadn't seen him for 10 years. --a little short fellow. (Dave: We'd seen him go by about every year for years--walking fast.)

Uncle Hugh's story about a ~~greased~~ Indian: Dad: a Joe Lagger or something like that wanted to go back in the woods to Indians. I can't tell the story as it was. The Indians gave a squall and made for him and he may have shot and missed and they were on him and he threw one on the ground and was getting his knife out to kill the Indian and the other Indian got his knife out of a scabbard. He had to kill him to save himself and the other Indian almost got advantage of him by getting his knife out of the scabbard. I forgot the details but I think the other Indian got away. It was one of the most stirring stories you about ever heard to hear Uncle Hugh tell it.

Uncle Hugh's pet deer: Dad: Uncle Hugh had a pet deer. Aunt Ella and home across the hill and looked coming off the hill coming as hard as it <sup>Day</sup> could after us, like a dog running a down.

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could right after us, like a dog running; a deer. We ran to the woods and got up on a leaning tree up higher than the deer could reach. A deer strikes with both front feet just like a man and cut you all to pieces with it's toes. We had hollered for Martha Hannah who lived here then and she ran up there and got the deer by the bell collar and held her till we got over home (Dave: seems Dad said her name was Nell?) That doe knocked Nora Sharp down. Uncle Harmon's girl and would have beat her to death if didn't.....(not clear) (Dave: I think Nora married George L. Hannah--and she is buried in the Sharp cemetery)

Si talking about fishing..... up Slatyfork creek.  
 Dave: Dad, isn't that where you built a dam and ran water around the hole?  
 Dad: Yes, we got 53 fish out of it. Water was getting low, cavity in a rock holding about a barrel of two wof water, and ran a small stream-- 6 inch pipe size. I stood there and studied it a good little while how to get those fish. big lynn tree standing on the bank. I decided to go home and get my father to come and help pipe the water over the hole. We cut that tree down and stripped the bark off and the bark piped the water over past the hole of water, a distance of about 20 feet and we dipped the water out and got 53 fish to eat. No restrictions on fishing then.

Deer hunting --- Deer salt licks

Dad: Farmers killed deer at suck licks. Natural sulphur run out on certain places. Deer tear up the earth to get it. Then farmers made salt licks. Drive a stake in the ground and pour the hole full of salt. They couldn't get it all without digging down for it. It was either mornings or evenings that they came then to suck the licks. Dave: did you kill any at a salt lick? Dad: Yes, I did, on Gauley. One time over there a wild cat was at the lick. I sighted at it so long I was sighting on just the front sight. I was about to leave that day. The Englishman.... I thought I just sit there (Dave: He told the store another time:--he shot at the wildcat and it didn't know where Dad was and jumped into the treetop where dad was and scared Dad almost to death-- just a boy). ....Saw the deer coming. ... I just broke it's back. I came a knat's hair of missing that deer. Lots of deer then. About like killing ground hogs now.

Bill Curtain War in Italy (not clear at all)... One thing, the let the Americans go in there, you see, read about the lost battalion. Carl Barnes was commander of that unit. Those rangers..... Crossed the highway and got in the heart of Rome.

Dave: The old Mill house needs a piece of roofing on it.

Dad: Well, I've been trying to sell it. It's going to fall down. I offered to sell for \$50. When I sold it, the man came with a truck to get it and those old Kelley's (they lived in the mill house across the creek) took the box that goes around ~~xx~~ to hold the meal in. It'd cost \$25 to make it and they took it and burned it. They once rolled it out in the yard and Henry Shaver and I liked to not get it back in. They took it and burned it for firewood. I went there to sell it and there wasn't a thing in the world to hold the meal in so he wouldn't take it. ... Brice Griffin ground meal for a half a day. Took half a day to grind a grist. Sam Jackson said he could eat it as fast as it comes out of the mill. Someone asked how long he could do that. He answered: "I could do it till I starved to death"; ha, ha.

might be clearer if redone on the Ampex reel to reel tape machine.

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Voices of Dad, Otis Gibson, Si, Dave Ralph

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Dad: something about the bee association (

Si: (to Ralph) Did you go clear to teh Bob Gibson Place

(all looking at an aerial view map) --are those skid roads?

SI: This is Slatyfork and he was supposed to go up this buck hollow that runs up to Joe Gibson lace. He was supposed to go up here and come around thru here, thru a bunch of pines yonder on the point. Well eh got up there and cut over and looked down to Sam Hannah's from Bob Gibson's meadow.

Then you came back from ~~Sam~~ ~~Hannah~~ ~~and~~ ~~xxx~~ thru there, huh?

Ralph: yes. Dad: Right here's where I was scared about out of my boots.

I thought he ~~wash~~ had heart trouble. I couldn't holler him up and couldn't shoot him up and couldn't hear a word from him in the world. I worried and prayed and here he came up alive. Dave: You (dad) and Donald and I got lost up there coon hunting one night. Dad: Yes, we came down the roughest old hollow there ever was.--back of Page Hannah's line.

I've roughest place you ever saw after night wasn't it! We didn't know where we were and lost part of the gun. Came down to Page's apple orchard.

Si later made a part for the gun--forestock. And John Woosley lost it again. He went down there watching for stealing corn where ~~stuck~~ <sup>?</sup> corn (lower meadow). ~~He~~ was. When ~~He~~ started filling up a sack of corn, ye yelled to surrender and ran out and broke a rail at the fence and ran down over the bank and laid down., and Woosley lost part of the gun and he ha. to come back (home) because he was afraid ~~he~~ had something to shoot him with, ha. Woosley lost part of the 410 gun and couldn't shoot. Later on I told ~~her~~ about it. --caught ~~her~~ down there stealing corn. he smashed the fence flat. I said there was another fellow with him--old man ~~xxxx~~....his hogs. They worked on the track together. She didn't say a word. She knew it was true. We'd seen where he'd taken out loads of it before.Dave: Didn't your dad catch someone stealing hay? Dad: No, it was Uncle Henry Hannah caught ~~Hannah~~ stealing hay (on barn on Buzzard mt.) (made him pitch the hay back in the barn--Henry slept there to catch him)

Dad: Grandfather Sharp caught a man right out there in the cornerib. He set a fox trap through where they take corn out of the crib. He came to get corn and got caught. He went to the barn a couple times. He wouldn't holler at Grandfather. Finally he hollered: "Mr. Sharp, come out here. I tell you if you'll let me out of here, I'll never steal another thing as long as I live. Grand father promised him he wouldn't tell on him.

Dave: did he know who it was? Dad, oh yes, one of his neighbors, but he oulsn't tell us who it was. He promised he wouldn't tell. He let him out of the trap. I bet he had sore fingers, ha. Grand father was a man of his word. Dave: Do you remember him? Oh, yes, I was nearly grown when both of my granfathers died. Grandfather Hannah and grandfather Sharp and my grandmothers. Did you see yours? Dave: only grandmother Irvin.

Dad: Not preacher ... or an? Dave: no. Dad: Boy's I'd give \$5 to (have you hear him preach?) He was one great preacher. He was the best preacher that ever preached on this charge and they sent him back here by the Dist. Supt. to the quarterly meeting one time when he was on the Lobelia circuit to preach and I never did forget his text. It was at Mary's Chapel. His text was the "Great Store house of God" He said the time would come as the human race needed the wealth, there was untold wealth in these hills and in the lands, and as the generations of the earth needed it it'd be unfolded (End of 1st side of cassette)

Ralph and Dad talkin': deer hunting. Si: In Montana, a man killed a mule and brought it in to the checking station ~~it~~ ha, ha. Dave: what did your father have to tell time? Dad: He had an 8-day clock. I don't know who got it. Maybe Ella or Malinda got it. It struck on every hour of the day. I think I took another clock over to repair at Wooddelis and it was never fixed. He died and they closed the store. It may have been sold.Either the original reel tape is not clear, or perhaps it would be clearer on ~~my~~ the last Ampex player--to transfer to cassettes.

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Starts with Dad and Ivan singing songs.  
 Dad: we can't all sing with one book. I've got the tuning fork there.  
 "Do, me, do" I'm trying to get the sound. I've got the tuning fork.  
 Wait, I've got something on my glasses. I can't see anything. Ivan:  
 what part are you going to sing? Dad: I'll sing tenor. Ivan: I don't  
 know if I can sing soprano, or not. Dad: well, do you want me to  
 sing soprano? Ivan: I usually sing base. Dad: here, somebody clean  
 my glasses. Si: (talking about the tape recorder) said: everyone brags  
 about their singing. Now they'll know if they are telling the truth, ha.ha.  
 Ivan: (wire recorder?) wire plays 15 minutes. (Ivan had a wire recorder)  
 Dave: let's have some powerful singing. Dad and Ivan: me, so, do, me,  
 do, me. (no piano) "There's a glory in my soul, Then Jesus gets  
 control. He lives with in my heart. Oh happy song ..... Si (joking)  
 .... tape for identification. Have you used Mother Hubbard's little  
 leg goes, ha. (pretending an ad after the song) Dave: You just heard  
 LD, Ivan and Ralph Sharp. (Then with piano): several singing a  
 song..... "redeemed.... Dad: the title of this song is "Beautiful  
 home Somewhere". Looking at Pictures: Dave: look at the bees. Dad:  
 those are Ivan's. Sylvia: Dave hived those bees.  
 Dave: Let's laugh a little bit, Ada. (Ada and Genevieve laughing.)  
 Dave: Ada, who's that in the middle? Do you know? Ada: ha, ha, yes.  
 (About Ivan--discussion): Dave: ... Mary Roberts? Si: no, it was  
 Genevieve at Greenbank. Si: Ivan And I ..... we got up there to that old  
 ... He (Ivan) said if you'll get out close to the gate, well..... see  
 THEM GIRLS. If you don't we won't, ha, ha. I wouldn't get out to open  
 the gate and he turned around and came back home, ha, ha.  
 Evan: damn you! Genevieve: Evan I beg your pardon.... your saying.  
 Dave: say nice words, Evan, ha (all laughed) Dave: I never saw that  
 broken leg (Evan's) Genevieve: I had to keep him in bed for 3 weeks.  
 He couldn't even turn over. At 3 o'clock in the morning he'd get awake  
 and I'd have to read him a story.  
 Dave: Ada, I understand you used to speak over a radio WPBI in Baltimore.  
 Tell us what it was about. Was it for a beer co.? Ada: No, no, ha, ha.  
 Ada: I was on for 15 minutes. It was dramatic sketches. different things  
 each week and on for 8 weeks. Some interesting things did happen.  
 The announcer said "I don't think I can go on the .... air. I didn't  
 know what to do. There was no one else to take over. So I was trying  
 to go on with the program and think up what to say in case he did  
 collapse there, ha. But he went on through with it. Dave: You may have  
 been an announcer if he'd collapsed. Did you have an audience? Ada: just  
 a small one. In those days they sat in another room at that time.--the  
 control room. Dave: what were the stories about: Ada: or, different  
 things. Let me see. One I gave about Pappa and the boy. I don't *Ady*  
 know if I'll remember it. Perhaps Evan would like that.

Ada: "But it's not so agreeable about 2 o'clock in the morning when you're  
 dead for sleep and you wouldn't give anything to hear pres. Truman speak.  
 Well, this little boy woke up about 2 and said "Hey, Daddy. What? Did.  
 .... What do you want? Nothing. Then go to sleep. I ain't sleep Daddy.  
 Well, I am young man. I'm not abit. Daddy if you was rich what would  
 you buy me? I do t know. go to sleep. Wouldn't you buy me nothing?  
 I suppose so. Then what would you buy me? Maybe a steam engine. would  
 the wheels go round and round? Yes, yes, go to sleep. Daddy, if I  
 was rich I'd buy sou something. Would you? I'd by you some choc. drops  
 and ice cream. No one wants to hear it this time in the morning. Go to  
 sleep. Daddy, daddy, Well? what do you want now? Let me think--  
 I want a drink of water. No you don't. Yes I do, daddy. (thinking..  
 there'll be no peace until the boy gets a drink you get water) I do 't  
 want to hear another word from you tonight, young man. I can spell"  
 dog, daddy. No one wants to hear you spell it now. Yes, please.

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Ada

C-A-T--dog. Is that right daddy, No it isn't, but nobody cares. Then it's D-O-G? Yes, yes, now go to sleep. Then I'll be a good little boy. Won't I? Yes, you'll be the best boy on earth. Good nite, daddy. Good night. -----Daddy, daddy -----don't you wish you had 2, 3 5 or 300 little boys?

Ada: I haven't done that one for years and years. (relatives laugh).

Si: I'm going to bed. You'd better too. . . . .

Si: (pretending to be a political candidate) "on this auspicious occasion, it is very gratifying to see your ignorant faces. (Si changing his voice, ha) I'll give you a dollar a vote for your vote" Dad: that's what they were trying to do. Dave: what are you planning to do this week? Ivan: well, I plan on making a little hay, taking off some honey, kill a few ground squirrels, whistle pigs and kill a little time. And visit a little with my relatives and friends, and then figuring on going back to work. Save a little of my vacation for deer season. I do like to hunt deer. I haven't had very much success as far as bringing in some game. A lot of exercise and enjoyment--just running through the woods toting a gun. Dave: what you doing ther e, Dad? Bleeding?

Dad: finishing up a good nap. I didn't go to sleep last night till half past 1 o'clock, waiting for you to come in and you didn't get in. But made up for it this evening. Dave: Did you know we were coming in yesterday or today? Dad: I heard you were coming in to Ivan's last night. Said you phoned through and said where the key was at (to get in the house at Nitro). . . . . I'd a . . . . . Dave: I told him to leave it under a cup on the back porch and he didn't like that idea much. Ivan: we were on a party line and I didn't want all the neighbors know where I was hiding the key. So I told him I'd leave it with his old girl friend across the street, Hattie Howell. (She went to Wesleyan same time as Dave) Dad: did you find anything to eat? Dave: they just about ate it about all up. wasn't much left there. (kidding) We went to the cellar and opened up peaches and pears and plums and apples (kidding) and we really had a feast. This is Aug. 21, 1949. . . . . (all eating at table).

Dad: a few. Ada: did you have a lot of raspberries this year?

(End of first side of cassette)

(Eating at table, all talking, not clear . . . . .)

Genevieve: One of our cousins up home (Arborvale) Ed Arbogast's boy, came along in a car and we were out there making hay. Stella said "Ed you don't have any children yet?" He said "Well, we're still trying" ha, Ada: If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. Dad: Is that thing recording everything we say? Dad: do you want any berries? If you do go in there and help yourself. I'm going to shave. I've got to go to that funeral. . . . . Dave: did you see Melinda out there a while ago? Ada: yes, yesterday, not t today. Dave: she can't hear well...

(flame swallowar) Dad: . . . . . gas in his mouth. Did you see that Ralph? He set that on fire and it went down his throat, then wait came out. . . . . Si: ~~mmmk~~ alcohol flame. . . . . and when they stick that in their mouth they generally let out a mouth of air to keep the heat going away, you see. Dad: As it came out his throat he lit a cigarette. (Dave (started to put a lighted match in his mouth) Dad: Oh, don't do that. Dave: I saw Bill Viering (at Wesleyan) chew up a razor blade and supposedly swallow it, but probably put it in a side check.

Si: . . . . . he looked like he was drunk, this fellow. He was asked if he'd give him a push to get the car started. He said, yes he'd push him. She backed off about 20 feet and came a sailing and smashed into the back of that thing and smashed the bumpers right off and flattened the fenders, and nearly broke that fellow's neck. ha, ha, ha.

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Si: (talking about a boy who lit seat of his pants and a gas flame shot out and breaches on fire--use wool pants instead of cotton. Ha, ha,

Si: talking about danger, that's dangerous !

Si: I wonder who reported the deer lick, salt lick back of the water fountain? ( The game warden said there was one reported there. He was up there at 2 o'clock watching for them. Dad: Now if one comes there, they'll kill it. Si found the head of one where they dressed one up and left the head down in the hollow. A nice buck.

Will Curtain: Wasn't it old man Sam Gibson..... he could tell you right smart about deer. He was sick in bed and we went up there one time. Ivan: (or Si?): Yes, I used to like to go up there and listen to the bear stories. He'd sit there and smoke his pipe and tell the stories. Indian Fight: (maybe later get a better or clearer version from the original reel tape instead of this cassette.) Dad: The Indian, had his hide so greased he couldn't hold him. Uncle Hugh would tell that..... Si, how was it? ..... He shot at the Indian and he had a muzzle loader and before he could get another shot, the Indian, -t-there were two of them ... (one?) Indian going away. and he said he got him down and his hide was so slick with grease he couldn't hold him and he said he (Indian?) was reaching down to get a knife out of his scabbard, the Indian was.... I can't tell you all the story but he finally killed the Indian. The one he shot first was..... he noticed him just as he got through with the other one, he propped himself up and he was ready to shoot him (white man)..(/) Uncle Hugh used to tell that. It was interesting to hear him. It'd take him about 1/2 hour to tell that story about Joe Loget (or Louset?)

Dave: Wasn't it uncle Hugh as a boy that was chased into a log by a bear? Dad: That was Uncle Harmon. a long time ago, no, it was Uncle Hugh, by the way. Uncle Harmon told him a doe on the mountain had some young fawns in a brush thicket. That he heard them in there. He told Uncle Hugh to go up there and he could catch them. He'd been told that if you go in screaming and yelling and squalling that a fawn will lay right down and you can run right in and pick them up. And he dreamed he had a cane, a complete cane, with a knot on the end turned you know. The night before he dreamed something about being in a fight with a bear. So he went up the hill here. He saw a cane, and cut it, just carried out just like in his dream. So he went up to where uncle Harmon said he saw that doe that had the fawns in there. He got up there in brush , you know and he went jumping over top the brush and hollering and when he got in there, there was an old she bear that reared right up in his face , that had cubs in there. He went backwards and got out and started running. He ran down on the sugar flat, where there was ~~hit~~ a big hollow log there and he ran in that log. Well that would be the place the bear would want him wouldn't it! ha, ha. I... would a climbed a tree. He was scared to death and didn't know what he was doing ! .... Uncle Harmon told Uncle Hugh that he heard the doe in the thick brush. Si, you've heard him (Hugh) tell about it. Si: yes, he told me "I saw if there was any running to do.....that Harmon, he knew that was a bear in there, ha, ha. .... End of tape.

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Dad: Bowd (Boude) Hannah went out one evening to hunt the cows and he had his dog with him and he went back upon the mt. on Gauley. The dog came up on an old she bear and cubs. (Dave: was it before you were born? Dad: No. I was going to school, a chunk of a boy. The dog took for the year and the bear took after the dog to run it from the cubs. When he saw the bear and dog coming he climbed up a pine tree. The dog ran to the tree for protection and the bear came to the tree and saw him up there. The bear went right up the tree after him and the dog ran away. It was a small pine tree. He shook the tree, it was tall and slim. He shook and hollered and they heard him all over Elk. Old man Billie Hannah, a mile away, heard him hollering. He said he knew Bowd was in distress. He got his gun and hit for there as soon as he could. That bear, gave some knaws and drove his teeth into the tree. They said he was scared nearly to death. And Billie Hannah got within about 100 yards, I expect before that old she bear left that tree. The dog ran off. The bear went after her cuba. He shook her off the tree. A bear can climb a large tree, but it's hard to climb a small one. SI: was he the fellow that ran into a wild cat? Dad: yes, he was going before daylingt one morning up on the mountain after cows. He had his dog, maybe the same dog, with him. The dog was in front of him and this wild cat went up on a tree to jump on him and the dog happened to be in front of him and he jumped right off the tree on the dog. He said he had a cane with him. It was a big dog and into it they went. He and the dog killed the wildcat. He said if he hadn't had the dog it would have killed him. Dave: Didn't you catch a wildcat in a trap? Dad: yes, up at the forks of Slatyfork creek, near Buck hollow. I saw a wildcat in my trap. The biggest one I ever caught or bought. I threw him across my shoulder and his front feet almost touched the ground. I'd gone up close to him and got a cane (stick) about as large as my arm. It was a dry stick. I got up to kill him the first lick. I was going to hit him with all my might and I hauled away with all that I had and he growled at me. When I gave him the lick, the stick broke off right above my hand and the stick went the other way. The stick was rotten inside. Boy's I went and got me a stick that I knew wouldn't break. I tried it. I went up again. He laid on the ground and growled gr-r-r-r. Everytime I hit him --about four times before I killed him. That wildcat had jumped in every direction trying to get out. The stake had gone down about 12 inches to the flat limestone rock. If he had jumped upward, there wasn't a thing in the world to hold him. The hole was 3 inches across the top. But he had jumped and worked the hole big in the swamp. If he had jumped at me that stake would have come out. Ivan, it was in a muck near that swamp just below where you cross that swamp there at that appletree. ~~XXX~~ I'd set the trap for coons.

EMX Will Curtain: one time when we were up there hunting something came down that middle mt. like a streak of lightening. It wasn't any sheep nor deer. Dad: Over on Gauley, a boy there if clothes would have come off, they'd have come off. I was over there watching a deer lick and a deer dug a hole in the ground I expect 2 feet deep, where we had salt. I got down in an old pine tree top. I secured myself down in there hiding myself from the deer. It was hard to get in there and just as hard to get out. I looked across where the salt was, there was a big wildcat. --right at the deer lick. I don't know how it got there--it must have slipped around the other side. Those big ones they call catamounts. I sighted with my gun. An Englishman (there was an English settlement at Linwood to Mingo) was there with me and we wanted a deer so bad. He was watching another deer lick. I sighted and studied if I should shoot it. If I shot it I wouldn't get a deer. Finally I decided it was pretty close to time to leave there and I'll just kill it.